

100TH BOMB GROUP (H) MISSION NO. 158.

Field Order Number: 212.
 Primary Target: Thionville A/D.
 Secondary Target: Florennes/Juzaine A/D.
 Last Resort: Le Culot A/F.
 Duty Officer: Lt. Shirley
 Main Briefing: Capt. Terry
 Gunners: Lt. Bauman
 Briefing at: 1330
 E. T. R. 2100
 Result: Completed, "C" Target.

GP-100-SU-OP-S
 E CULOT (27 APRIL 44)
 THIONVILLE

27-4-44

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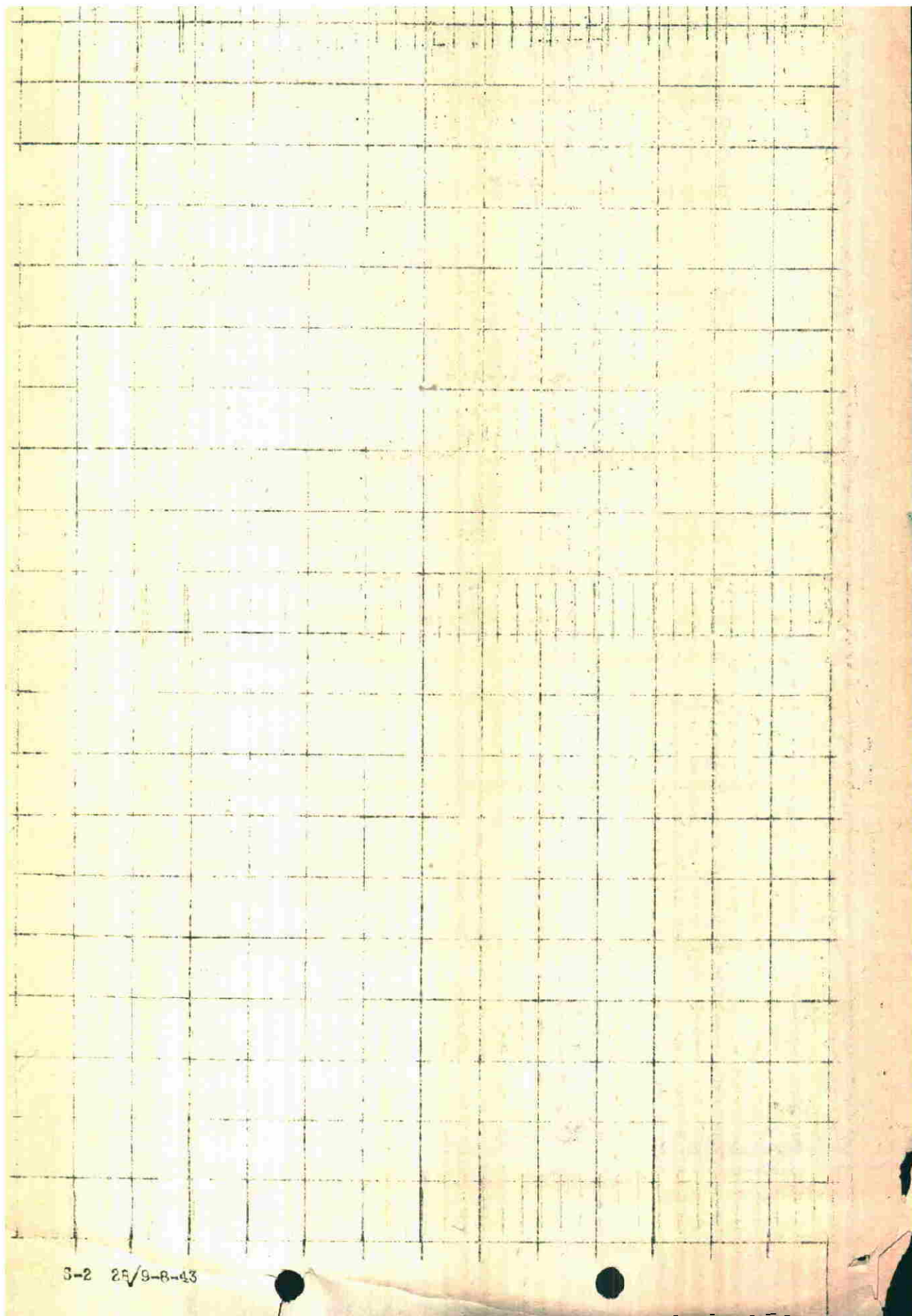
OPERATIONAL STATISTICS.....PT THIONVILLE A/D ST Florennes/Juzaine LR

100 GROUP 1937 HRS. 18,300 ALT 17800

DATE 27/4/44

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PILOT	S/DN	A/C NO.	LOADING	TARGET			CASUALTIES			SERIOUS SLIGHT	JETT-SONED	BRT BACK	REMARKS
				PT	OTHER	OTHER	K	M	F				
Lt. H. E. Bethes	418	090	12 X 500		12 X 500								
Lt. C. H. Cowan	349	127	"		12 X 500								
Lt. C. E. Harris	418	011	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. A. Harrison	349	986	"		12 X 500								
Lt. E. D. Horne	849	347	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. Hunter	351	530	"		12 X 500								
Lt. A. Kinder	418	504	"		12 X 500								
Lt. R. F. Fischer	418	087	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. W. McGuire	349	987	"		12 X 500								
Lt. E. P. Noordyk	350	413	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. J. Raring	418	065	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. P. Rogers	350	991	"		12 X 500								
Lt. H. Rosine	350	074	"		12 X 500								
Lt. M. D. Rupert	350	981	"		12 X 500								
Lt. J. M. Shelly	350	413	"		12 X 500								
Lt. E. J. Siewert	351	389	"		12 X 500								
Lt. E. J. Simmons	351	767	"		12 X 500								
Lt. W. C. Shaddix	349	534	"		12 X 500								
Capt. L. C. Van Steen	350	903	"		12 X 500								
Lt. B. Williams	418	154	"		12 X 500								
Lt. R. W. Wright	349	710	"		12 X 500								
Spares:													
Lt. K. J. Dille	351	126	"										12 X 500 50.55 00.58 E SPARE
Lt. R. J. Schomp	351	936	"										12 X 500 50.00 01.00 E
Lt. N. P. Scott	351	256	"										12 X 500 50.00 01.50 E



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HEADQUARTERS
65TH FIGHTER WING
APO 637 AAF Station F-370

NUMBER 66

28 April, 1944

NARRATIVE REPORT OF WING OPERATIONS ROOM
Bomber Escort Mission of 27 April 1944 (VIII FC FO 317)

This report tells only that portion of the fighter story of this mission which was known to the Wing Controller at the time of the operation. This Wing furnished four of the thirteen units dispatched by VIII Fighter Command to escort heavy bombers to targets in France. The schedule for this Wing was:

- 4th - Penetration, target and withdrawal support to 1st ATF (Chalons)
- 56A - Penetration support to 1st
- 56B - Penetration support to 3rd ATF (Nancy area)
- 355th - Sweep and general withdrawal support.
- 356th - Sweep under T-16 control.

I. GENERAL.

This mission composed of eight CW's bombed targets in the Chalons-Sur-Marne-Nancy-Metz area. It was apparently a well run mission with 4th, 56th and 355th Fighter Groups making R/V as briefed. The 356th was sent to the Reims area operating under Type 16 control. 356th ran into o/a at the start of the mission and seemed to break up the attack before it reached the bombers. At 2055 hours Col. Burns called and ordered the 56th and 356th standby flights to be A/B to patrol the returning bomber course until dark. This was done without incident.

Communications: Channel B was U/S a great part of the mission, apparently due to an open transmitter in a bomber of the 2nd Division. This matter fully reported to Pinetree, Ajax and 2nd Division.

Interference from Dark Fold control on "C" channel late in the mission.

Chief Controller: Capt. Hecht. Staff Officer: S/L Hydes, RAF.

II. GROUP CONTROLLERS' POSITIONS.

4th Group. (Lt. Farr, Controller) A/B 1658. L/F in St. Ingelvert at 1727. Radar plots on the group were good until they faded W. Reims at 1756. At 1745 a message was passed to the group leader of 20 plus bandits at 20,000, 30 miles NW Chalons. This was acknowledged. At 1750 a message was passed to the leader of bandits in the St. Quentin area which was acknowledged. Communications with the group faded at 1756 and were resumed at 1800. They left the bombers at 2024. L/F out at 2028 at Nieuport and landed at 2116.

Communications: Local sector station and Southminster relay #1 used. R/T coverage 190 miles. Communications good.

56A Group. (Lt. Campbell, Controller) A/B 1704. L/F in D/R 1744 at Calais. Bombers sighted as early as 1742 just inside enemy coast. 56A acknowledged message of bandits near Beauvais at 1755. R/V pip heard at 1752; group just SE of Beauvais. No indication of combat, though from R/T it appeared that bogies were seen. Group started home 1900 hours between St. Quentin and St. Omer. L/F out D/R at SW Dunkirk at 1926. Landed 2013.

Communications: Local sector station and Southminster relay #2 used. R/T coverage 220 miles. Communications good.

56B Group. (Lt. Campbell, Controller) A/B 1712. L/F in Calais 1749 and made R/V at 1805 at Beauvais. 56B Group sighted bogies at 1803 near Beauvais. No indication when they left bombers. L/F out between 1920 and 1930 at Calais. Landed 2023.

Communications: Same as 56A.

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position unknown. Penetrated D/R to Aachen area and steered 181° at 1802. Lost direct R/T at 1806 D/R 20 miles SE Aachen. Thru relay a/c learned R/V was made about 1840 D/R Nancy area. Told leader thru relay a/c that Vinegrove 12 was 20 miles S of course, in area of Nancy at 1852, acknowledged. Direct R/T resumed at 1944 D/R in Charleroi area. Escort ceased at 2023, D/R SE Ostend. L/F out at 2028 D/R Dunkerque area. Landed 2128. ROC and radar plots were poor. R/T communications were good. No warning of bandits given as none were near group.

Communications: Local sector station and Heathfield relay #4 used. R/T range 240 miles, with A/D relay 260 miles. Communications good.

356th Group. (Capt. Saul, Controller) A/D 1624. L/F in at 1703 between Ostend and Dunkirk. Type 16 took control of them at that time. When they reached the area of Reims where they were to patrol at 1730, bogies were sighted but from the R/T it is not clear whether or not they turned out to be bandits. There was considerable garbled R/T and the group ended up being well spread out and had to reform. They crossed out at approximately 1845 W of Dunkirk and landed at 1926.

Communications: Local sector station and Heathfield relay #3 used. R/T range 180 miles. Communications good.

III. CHANNELS B, C AND D.

Channel B. (Lt. Messinger, Controller) One bomber Mayday. 11 Group advised that four or five men were rescued alive.

A continuous high pitched whine, probably an open mike was heard on the A/S/R channel, starting at 1633 hours when it was fixed at WG 8233 about 2 miles SW Ludham (WG 6737). The whine was fixed regularly southward to Beachy Head and across the channel to the French coast where the a/c, causing the land disturbance, crossed in 3 miles SW Le Treport at 1735 hours. Everything indicated the whine was coming from a bomber, completely jamming the channel until 1800 hours. The whine was audible until 1900 hours when it finally got out of range.

The whine started again at 2010 hours completely jamming the channel again until 2154. The a/c was plotted regularly from the vicinity of Ostend to where it crossed in near Lowestoft, then on NW to the area of Eorsham St. Faith or Rockheath. The last fix was obtained at WG 7031 after the a/c had orbited that area for several minutes.

Vinegrove 11 requested an emergency homing at approximately 1951 hours. Fixes were very poor due to the above described disturbance and R/T was poor for the same reason. Finally, one steer given Vinegrove 11 was understood and the a/c headed for Bluefrock. Vinegrove 11 could not receive any further instructions due to the interference. Bluefrock reported that the a/c crashed just off the coast from Ramsgate. 11 Group was advised and some of the crew rescued.

The same situation existed when bomber E requested a homing at 2029 hours. After many attempts vectors passed the a/c were understood and a safe landing made at Bluefrock.

Channel C. Lt. Gump, Controller) "C" channel was used effectively to get information on bomber timings on penetration. All but one CW of the 3 task forces was heard from. Fighter-bomber intercom appeared to be very satisfactory both on penetration and on withdrawal, though the channel was badly overcrowded, particularly on withdrawal. Two bombers badly damaged and in trouble were sent

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to B channel.

Throughout the mission a transmitter kept switching on and off. Considerable testing was taking place. The A/B relay was used effectively for penetration timings. On withdrawal the transmissions were badly garbled due to faulty transmitters.

Channel D. (Lt. Newell, Controller) Spotter a/c forced to listen out on "D" channel due to open transmission on B. Heavy, intermittent interference on Heathfield forward relay; moderate interference on Southwold; however, R/T messages were transmitted and received without great difficulty. Fixing was fair to good.

When above mentioned open transmitter passed out of range, spotter a/c were returned to B channel.

IV. BOMBER TIMINGS RECEIVED.

1st ATF:

1717 - From C: VG 11 over CP #1 O/T O/C.
1719 - " : VG 13 O/T O/C.
1726 - " : VG 12 O/T O/C 6 minutes early.
1819 - " : VG 13 O/C CP #2 7 minutes late.
1844 - " : VG 12 O/T 20 miles S of course.
1930 - " : VG 12 O/T 8 minutes late.
1945 - " : VG 11 O/C 3 minutes late CP #3.
1958 - " : VG 11 over to B for help (calling fighters)

2nd ATF:

1726 - From C: O/T and course CP #1.
1800 - " : 30 miles E CP #2 O/T O/C.
1818 - " : O/C O/T #2 1 minute late.
1841 - " : O/C O/T CP #2.
1930 - " : O/C 5 minutes late.
1945 - " : O/C 23 minutes late.
2023 - " : 32 minutes late CP #3.

3rd ATF:

1715 - From C: 31 will make good 1st CP O/T and course.
1735 - " : VG 31 O/T and course CP #1.
1737 - " : VG 32 O/T O/C.
1750 - " : VG 31 O/T O/C CP #2.
1800 - " : VG 31 O/C and O/T briefed altitude.
1819 - " : VG 31 O/C O/T CP #2.
1825 - " : VG 32 O/C O/T CP #2.
1850 - " : VG 32 O/C 3 minutes late.
1930 - " : VG 32 O/C 4 minutes late.
1943 - " : VG 32 O/T O/C.
1947 - " : VG 32 delayed about 4 minutes to get rid of stuff.

Jesse Auton
JESSE AUTON,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,
Commanding.

Distribution: Special.

65th FW Reg. No. 4180.

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MISSION NUMBER 158
DATE 27-P-44MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes;

Target maps & illustrations;

Briefing information: a) Main & Gunners' briefing.
b) Camera Installations,
c) Lists of admission,
d) Crew lists.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation forms;

Combat forms & a) letter of transmittal,
b) 3rd B.D. Evaluated Encounters letter,
c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1.

3. A/C Returning Early;

Net News (A/C in distress, and shipping),

Operational Statistics,

Operational Narrative,

Intelligence Narrative,

A/C Landing Away,

PRO Reports,

Miscellaneous Reports: a) Equipment Malfunctions,
b) Crew comments,
c) Battle Damage,
d) Sortie Information,
e) Statistical flak forms,
f) Flak report;

Missing A/C and Missing Crew Reports.

4. 3rd B.D. flash report, and narrative teletypes;
Strike photos, raid assessments, BUNO, etc;
Statistical Work Sheet;
Mission folder check list.(Material placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned
last is on top)RESTRICTED
AUTH 8th Ftr Comm

Ltr of 14SEPT1945

Date SEP 19 1945 J.D.S.

PHOTO AND BOMB PLOTTING REPORT
(For Interrogator's use)

PILOT FORSYTHE A/C No. 38175

TARGET _____ DATE 31-3-44

BOMB LOAD _____

EXACT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

A/C TRACK AT MOMENT BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____

ALTITUDE AT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

POSITION PHOTOGRAPHED IF OTHER THAN TARGET _____

CHECK WITH REF X "POSITION IN FORMATION"

(Signature of Interrogator)



AUTHORIZED ADMISSION

CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

BARR, CAPT.

BENNETT, LT. COL.

BLAKELY, MAJ.

CLOUTER, LT.

CROSBY, CAPT.

DOUGLAS, CAPT.

ELTON, MAJOR

EMERSON, MAJOR

FRYE, LT.

FULLER, CAPT.

GREENBURG, LT.

HARDY, CAPT.

LANTUACONE, CAPT.

KELLY, COL.

KIDD, LT. COL.

KINDER, CAPT.

LASH, CAPT.

LAURO, CAPT.

MCCARTHY, CAPT.

MILBURN, LT.

ORENSTEIN, LT.

PIKE, LT.

REEDER, CAPT.

ROSENTHAL, CAPT.

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SHAW, MAJOR

STOVER, CAPT.

TURNER, LT. COL.

WILLIAMS, M. M/Sgt.

SPENCE, S/Sgt.

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Lt W. W. W.Capt CallinanLt RogersS/Sgt ChristensenSgt ClarkCpl DeLeonardisSgt DuBazS/Sgt Gannon

DUTY NAVIGATOR _____

DUTY BOMBARDIER _____

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

DATE OF BRIEFING _____



1. From File Room _____
2. From Map Room _____
3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) _____
4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) _____
5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) _____
6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room _____
7. Epiadiascope pictures prepared _____

FOODFIRES

1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) _____
2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) _____

GUARDS

1. Authorized Admission List _____
2. Posting _____
3. Dismissal _____

P/W KITS

1. Loading _____
2. Check out sheet & EPI assignment _____

POST BRIEFING

1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 _____
2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) _____
3. Briefing Material to Files in folder _____
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms)

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at _____

2. Briefing at _____

3. Time over target _____

4. ETR _____

5. No. Crews on Mission _____

6. File & Map clerks called at _____

7. Other EM called at _____

8. Officers notified at:

a. Main Briefing _____

b. Gunners' Briefing _____

c. Major Shaw _____

9. Assignments:

a. Gunners' Epiadiascope Sgt. Clarkb. Main Br. Epiadiascope Sgt. Dickinsonc. P/W Kits S/Lt. Gannond. Map Room Sgt. DeRuz

10. Personal phone calls stopped _____

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE

AAF STATION 101

APO 634

E I G H T H A I R F O R C E N A R R A T I V E O F O P E R A T I O N S

323rd Operation - 27 April 1944

A I R F I E L D S A N D M A R S H A L L I N G Y A R D S - F R A N C E , B E L G I U M

Supplementing the morning operation against military installations in the Pas de Calais and Cherbourg areas, Eighth Air Force dispatched three forces to attack G.A.F. Airfields and Marshalling Yards in the late afternoon. Enemy air opposition was very small and anti-aircraft fire was the prime weapon of the German defense system. A total of 1303 tons of GP, Incend., and Frag. bombs was dropped with generally good results. Four bombers and four fighters were lost. The bomber crews made no claims and fighter pilots claims total 7-0-6 of which 4-0-5 resulted from ground strafing.

One force, composed of three B-24 combat wings escorted by five fighter groups, attacked the Chalons Sur Marne and Blaineville Sur L'eau Marshalling Yard with good results, dropping 556.7 tons of GP bombs. Enemy air opposition was practically nil. Flak over both targets was no deterrent but it was encountered in varying intensity and accuracy along the route. Two B-24s were lost to flak. The fighters had no losses but claims of e/a are 1-0-4 as a result of ground strafing. The bomber force had no claims.

A second force, composed of two B-17 combat wings escorted by three fighter groups, found their assigned primary and secondary targets covered by cloud. Consequently, the bombers attacked Le Culot and Ostend/Middelkerke Airfields in Belgium. Approximately 300 tons of GP, IB and Frag. bombs were dropped with fair results. Enemy air opposition was nil. Anti-aircraft fire was the only obstacle and 2 B-17s were lost to gunfire. Neither fighters nor bombers made any claims.

A third force, composed of three B-17 combat wings escorted by three fighter groups, dropped 446 tons of GP and Incend. bombs on Nancy/Essey and Toul/Croix de Metz Airfields with very good results. There was no e/a opposition to either the bombers or fighters. Strafing attacks by returning fighters resulted in claims of 3-0-1 for e/a on the ground. One P-47 was lost to machine gun fire experienced during a strafing attack, and 2 B-17s to flak which was intense and accurate at some points along the route.

Four fighter groups carried out general support to the bomber operations as well as straggler support to the English Coast. One group had combats with e/a in the Laon area which resulted in the loss of three P-47s for claims of 3-0-1. One squadron of a group escorting the bomber force on Nancy/Essey and Toul/Croix de Metz Airfields, dropped 27 x 100 GP bombs on Florennes Airfield with hits scored on the field and dispersal area.

B O M B E R O P E R A T I O N S

Unit	(AB)	Number of A/C		Lost	Tons		O.T.'s	
		Disp.	Attacked		Primary		G.P.	I.B.
<u>1ST BOMB DIV.</u>			Primary	O.T.'s			G.P.	I.B.
40th C.W.	60	54	51	0	2	150.5	0	0
41st C.W.	66	60	60	0	0	174.8	0	0
94th C.W.	61	54	52	0	0	46.3	74.8	0
	187	168	163	0	2	371.6	74.8	0

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Unit	(AB	Number of A/C				Lost)	Primary		Tons	O.T.'s	
		Disp.	Attacked		G.P.		I.B.	G.P.		I.B.	
			Primary	O.T.'s							
<u>2ND BOMB DIV.</u>											
20 Comp. C.W.	62	56	54	0	0	161.2	0	0	0		
14 Comp. C.W.	78	75	71	0	0	212.0	0	0	0		
96th C.W.	74	67	65	0	0	183.5	0	0	0		
	214	198	190	0	0	556.7	0	0	0		
<u>3RD BOMB DIV.</u>											
4th C.W.	63	62	0	61	1	0	0	148.3*	0		
13th C.W.	67	58	0	57	1	0	0	116.2	35.7		
	130	120	0	118	2	0	0	264.5*	35.7		
OPERATIONAL											
TOTALS	531	486	353	118	4	928.3	74.8	264.5*	35.7		

* Includes 86.3 tons of Frags.

BOMBING RESULTS:

Blaineville Sur L'Eau Marshalling Yards:- Good Results.

118 B-24s dropped 1343 x 500 G.P. and 12 x 1000 G.P. - 342 tons - from 16,500 to 21,000 ft. at 1859 to 1902 hrs.

The first pattern of bombs completely covered the roundhouse and locomotive repair sheds. The second concentration down scored direct hits on the junction of main rail lines coming into the yard from the south. The two concentrations merged and explosions were seen among the rolling stock. The third concentration fell on the wagon repair shops and entrance to the sorting sidings, causing further damage to rolling stock.

Chalons Sur Marne Marshalling Yards:- Very Good Results.

72 B-24s dropped 860 x 500 G.P. - 215 tons - from 16,000 to 19,000 ft. at 1842 to 1846 hrs.

The assigned aiming point was covered by the first concentration of bursts. Hits from this pattern resulted in a large explosion, probably caused by the blowing up of an ammunition train. Although the area was largely smoke obscured, two additional patterns were plotted on strike attack photos. One was a very heavy concentration on the locomotive sheds and roundhouse and the bomb pattern extended onto the goods depot. The second concentration fell on the north end of the marshalling yard covering both the storage sidings and the main north choke point. There was extensive damage to rolling stock.

Nancy/Essey Airfield:- Very Good Results.

103 B-17s dropped 787 x 500 G.P. and 1496 x 100 I.B. - 271.6 tons - from 19,000 to 21,300 ft. at 1906 to 1935 hrs.

This GAF base was well hit. The four large two-bay hangars on the south side of the field were under the first concentration down and strike photos taken later during the attack show that two were gutted, a third on fire and the fourth damaged. Two nearby small hangars were also damaged. A second concentration fell

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across the hangars on the east side of the field and fires were started. The barracks are received damage and five a/c parked on the field were damaged or destroyed. All major installations on this A/F are either damaged or destroyed as a result of this attack and the one of 25 April.

Toul/Croix De Metz Airfield:- Very good Results.

60 B-17s dropped 699 x 500 G.P. - 175 tons - from 19,000 to 21,000 ft. at 1901 to 1906 hrs.

Three concentrations fell on the three assigned aiming points. Hits were also scored on the field. The first heavy concentration fell on the barracks area approximately one mile south of the A/F causing considerable damage. The second concentration fell on the west side of the A/F with direct hits on two large hangars and the administration building. The third concentration fell across the northern barracks area and fuel points. As the concentrations were heavy, damage is probably severe but the strike photos were so obscured by smoke that accurate assessment is not possible.

Le Calet Airfield:- Fair Results.

98 B-17s dropped 705 x 500 G.P., 714 x 100 I.B. and 752 x 120 Frags. - 257.1 tons - from 17,000 to 19,000 ft. at 1937 to 1953 hrs.

Bursts of the first concentration fell on the east side of the field in the built-up area falling across two large hangars and other installations. Fires were left burning. A second concentration fell short of the south dispersal area although a few bombs did score hits on small dispersal hangars.

Ostend/Middelkerke Airfield:- Fair results.

20 B-17s dropped 720 x 120 Frags. - 43.2 tons - from 17,000 to 19,000 ft. at 2026 hrs.

Fragmentation bombs fell in the dispersal area of this non-operational field.

ENCOUNTERS: Of the three forces employed during this operation, only one combat wing of B-24s, which attacked Chalons Sur Marne, saw e/a. Two Me-109s and one FW-190 were encountered in the target area, but they did not attack. One group of this combat wing reports an unaggressive diving attack by an FW-190 but not casualties were suffered and there are no claims.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 7 B-17s and 8 B-24s failed to bomb: 8 B-24s and 3 B-17s Because of mechanical failures; 3 B-17s because of enemy action and 1 B-17 for other reasons.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 24 crew members were killed, 12 were wounded and 42 are missing. Of the 24 killed, 23 perished as a result of three B-24 crash landings.

Equipment - 4 B-17s were lost to flak.

Estimated Battle Damage - 62 B-17s and 54 B-24s received minor damage; 5 B-17s and 3 B-24s received major damage and 4 B-24s are in the salvage class.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Flak was the primary weapon of the German defense system during this operation. The force which attacked Nancy/Essey and Toul/Croix de Metz states that AA fire was meagre to intense and very accurate at several points

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along the route. The B-24 force on Blaineville Sur L'Eau and Chalons Sur Marne states that very little AA fire was experienced over the targets. Moderate accurate barrage gun fire was encountered at Ostend; moderate, fairly accurate gun fire from an A/F at 5045N - 0350E; AA fire at Lille was particularly intense and extremely accurate. The force which attacked Le Culot and Ostend/Middelkerke A/Fs report meager inaccurate tracking fire at Tomilly Sur Seine, Neufchâtel and Dieppe; inaccurate, moderate barrage fire over Brussels; inaccurate, meager to moderate tracking fire at Le Culot A/F and inaccurate, intense tracking fire at Dunkirk.

WEATHER: Clouds of 5/10 to 8/10 and heavy ground haze prevented one force from bombing assigned primary and secondary targets. Consequently Le Culot and Ostend/Middelkerke A/Fs were attacked. Ground haze in the vicinity of Nancy/Tessey and Toul/Croix de Metz made for difficult identification of the targets.

OBSERVATIONS: A large number of buildings with saw-tooth roofs were observed at 5052N - 0422E. The following observations were made of A/Fs and c/a: E/L were seen in dispersal area of an A/F near Creil and a large transport was observed landing; Two He-323s were seen on the A/F at St. Dizier; 50 c/a were parked on an A/F 4858N - 0539E with NW - SE and NE - SW runways; 30 to 40 t/c c/a were observed on Beauvais/Tille A/F; a number of c/a were seen on A/F at 4905N - 0307E and an A/F was observed at 4916N - 0222E with camouflaged revetments and gun positions. A factory which appeared to be very active was seen just east of Roulers. Mons, Lens, Valenciennes and Brussels marshalling yards were observed to have large concentrations of rolling stock.

FIGHTER OPERATIONS

VIII Fighter Command dispatched 15 fighter groups of which 11 were used as close escort to the three bomber forces, while 4 groups provided general support. The fighters escorting the bombers report practically no c/a opposition and the 1 P-47 lost was hit by machine gun fire while carrying out strafing attack. Of the groups providing general support, only one met c/a opposition and 3 P-47s were lost as a result of combats with c/a in the Laon area for claims of 3-0-1.

In addition to furnishing escort to the bombers, returning fighters strafed A/Fs and claim 4-0-5 on the ground. One squadron of P-47s dive-bombed Florennes A/F scoring several hits on the A/F and started two fires in the north dispersal area.

Total fighter losses were 4 P-47s and total claims are 7-0-6.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Support</u>	<u>No. A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
<u>65th Fighter Wing</u>					
56A	P-47	Target	24	0	0-0-0
56B	P-47	Penetration	24	0	0-0-0
355	P-51	Patrol, Tgt., & Withdrawal	38	0	0-0-0
4	P-51	Pen., Tgt., & Withdrawal	41	0	1-0-4 +
356A	P-47	General	35	3	3-0-1
			163	3	4-0-5

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Support</u>	<u>No. A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
<u>66th Fighter Wing</u>					
78A	P-47	Withdrawal	44	0	0-0-0
78B	P-47	Penetration	25	0	0-0-0
353	P-47	Withdrawal	42	0	0-0-0
361	P-47	Penetration	46	1	3-0-1 +
55	P-38	Withdrawal	42	0	0-0-0
357	P-51	Pen., Tgt., & Withdrawal	40	0	0-0-0
			<u>239</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3-0-1</u>
<u>67th Fighter Wing</u>					
359	P-47	General	43	0	0-0-0
352	P-51	Penetration & Target	34	0	0-0-0
20	P-38	Target & Withdrawal	50	0	0-0-0
364	P-38	Patrol & Withdrawal	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>
			<u>141</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>
OPERATIONAL TOTALS			543	4	7-0-6

+ All on ground.

BOMBER ESCORT

Escort to B-24 force which attacked Blaineville Sur L'Eau and Chalons Sur Marne Marshalling Yards: The 78th B Group escorted from Le Treport area at 1742 hrs. to near Montmirail at 1827 hrs., leaving seven minutes later than planned. Over 10 unidentified a/c were seen, but when our fighters turned toward them, they evaded and disappeared inland. The 56th A Group rendezvoused east of Beauvais at 1800 hrs. breaking off escort in the Chalons area at 1900 hrs. No e/a were seen. The 355th Group escorted from the Blaineville area at 1840 hrs. to Courtrai at 2023 hrs. The 4th Group was observed in the target area. Two squadrons stayed with the bombers to Dunkirk at 2024 hrs. The 20th Group rendezvoused at 1847 hrs. and escorted to Dunkirk. No e/a were seen. The 55th Group rendezvoused east of Nancy/Essey at 1915 hrs., crossing out in the vicinity of Ostend at 2030 hrs., then breaking escort in mid-channel at 2043 hrs.

Escort to B-17 force which attacked Toul/Croix De Metz and Nancy/Essey A/Fs. The 356th Group, assigned as general support, swept Douai, Reims and engaged 12 to 14 FW-190s near Laon at 1730 hrs. Claims are 3-0-1 for the loss of 3 P-47s. The 361st Group rendezvoused south of Le Treport at 1743 hrs. and escorted uneventfully to approximately 18 miles southeast of Vitry Francois at 1830 hrs. Two flights strafed Etampes/Mondesir A/F with claims of 3-0-1 for the loss of 1 P-47. The 357th Group escorted from northeast of Compeigne at 1801 hrs. through the target and back to Orfordness at 2110 hrs. This was a continuous escort of more than three hours and no e/a were seen. The 353rd Group rendezvoused as planned and escorted without incident to the Channel at 2036 hrs. One squadron dive-bombed Florennes A/F.

Escort to B-17 force which attacked Le Culot and Ostend/Middelkerke A/Fs. The 56th B Group escorted from north of Creil at 1810 hrs. to a point between Verdun and Metz at 1855 hrs. No e/a were seen. The 352nd Group rendezvoused with two B-17 combat wings at 1810 hrs. north of Beauvais. The 56th B Group

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and unidentified P-51s and P-30s were with the bombers at the time fo rendez-vous. The 352nd Group escorted to the Dinant area at 1930 hrs. when relieved by P-47s of the 73 A Group. This group provided uneventful escort until 2040 hrs. at the English coast.

STRAFING, BOMBING ATTACK AND OBSERVATIONS

65th Fighter Wing: The 56A Group scouted Conde Sur Marne, St. Dizier, Pauvres and Dricourt A/Fs with strafing in mind, but no e/a were seen. Intense, heavy flak was experienced at Conde Sur Marne. The 56 B-Group took photographs of the marshalling yards at Lers and a flooded area near Dunkirk. One P-51 squadron of the 4th Group strafed an A/F believed to be Toul, resulting in claims of 1-0-4, all s/e e/a. FW-190s, over 12 Ju-87s and a few t/e e/a were seen on the A/F. Three fires were left burning. The 56 A Group encountered 12 - 14 FW-190s near Laon at 18,000 ft. at 1730 hrs. Combats were held from 18,000 ft. to the deck resulting in the claims of 3-0-1 and the loss of 3 P-47s.

66th Fighter Wing: Pilots of the 73 A Group report seeing 6 t/e night fighters on Nivelles A/F.

One squadron of the 353rd Group carried 30 x 100 G.P. bombs, fused 1/10 sec. nose and 1/40 sec. tail. Florennes A/F was attacked with a 30° dive from 18,000 ft. bombs being released at 3,000 ft. 27 x 100 G.P. were dropped on the A/F and several bursts were seen on the field. Two fires were observed in the north dispersal area. The west side of the A/F is reported to be built-up now. 1 x 100 G.P. bomb was brought back and 2 x 100 G.P. bombs were jettisoned in an open field after take-off when the pilot was forced to crash land. After bombing, the squadron continued with its escort duties.

Two flights of the 361st Group strafed Etampes/Mondosir A/F with claims of 3-0-1. One P-47 was hit by machine gun fire and the pilot baled out 15 miles NW of the A/F. 3 plus He-111s were observed on Beaumont/Le Roger A/F. No e/a were observed on Compeigne/Margny A/F. 55th Group pilots report there is more area flooded around Dunkirk than previously observed. Many mounds, similar to slag piles, were observed connected to the railroad running from Brussels to the coast.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 4 P-47 pilots are missing.

Equipment - 4 P-47s were lost ; 1 to machine gun fire, 1 to e/a and two to reasons unknown.

ESTIMATED BATTLE DAMAGE: 1 P-51 and 2 P-47s in Category "AC"

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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MISSING A/C REPORT

A/C No. 534 Squadron 349 Group 100 Date Missing 27/APRIL/44
 Pilot LT. W. C. SHADDIX Ball T. Gunner S/SGT. J. B. CORTELLETTY 19
 Co-pilot LT. G. T. SULLIVAN 12 TT Gunner T/SGT. J. H. LEE 12
 Navigator T/SGT. R. C. LESTICO 4 Tail Gunner S/SGT. H. HAMILTON 12
 Bombardier LT. C. M. DAILEY 12 RM Gunner S/SGT. W. F. CORNELIUS 12
 Radio Operator T/SGT. F. H. ERB 12 LW Gunner S/SGT. K. V. HALE 21

Observer
 Target THIONVILLE (LECULOT)

Position of A/C in Group: (Circle on diagram) →

Position of Group in Formation: LEAD, 13 CBW.

How many chutes were seen? 8

Was A/C lost to: ~~Fighters~~; AA Fire; ~~Aerial Bomb~~; ~~Collision~~; ~~Other~~:

Where did A/C sustain initial damage? OVER TARGET (LECULOT A/D)

Where was A/C last seen? Near Dixmude, Belgium

How many previous raids made by crew?

Date of last P/W briefing? (approx.) 3/29/44

Give a complete narrative citing all known facts not covered by the above questions, using reverse side if necessary. If weather was contributing factor, describe briefly.

by flak
 at 1937 hours A/C # 534 was hit as it left the target area. # 3 engine began smoking, and the A/C began to lag. It remained with the formation, however, until 2010 hours where from 7 to 10 chutes were seen to come out, and the A/C descended in slow spirals apparently under AFCE control.

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Lt. W. C. Shadding A/c # 534

MISSING AIR CREW REPORTS-2

Submit one copy to S-1.

IMPORTANT: The following report will be completed within 36 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station #139 Course SSW

Intended Destination THIONVILLE, FRANCE; Type of Mission operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

Heavy ground haze, scattered cloud at 18,000

4. GIVE: () Date 27/4/44; Time 2010; and Location Near Dixmude

of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>MCGUIRE, J.W.</u>	<u>2ND LT.</u>	<u>0-806289</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>HARRIS, C.E.</u>	<u>2ND LT.</u>	<u>0-749162</u>		<u>X</u>		
3. <u>VAN STEENK, L.C.</u>	<u>CAPT.</u>	<u>0-798902</u>		<u>X</u>		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

A/c # 534 was hit by flak as it left the target area (ECULOT AD) at 1939 hours. No. 3 engine began to smoke, and the A/c began to lag. It remained with the formation, however, until 2010 hours when from 10 chutes were seen to come out, and the A/c descended in slow spirals apparently under AFCE control.

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FLAK REPORT

TO: AA Officer, A-2 Section, Hq. 4th Bomb Wing, APO 634

Capt. M. B. Arisk
(Reporting Officer)

TARGET: Le Culet(target C) . DATE OF ATTACK: 27 April 1944

1. The 100th Group flew as (high, lead, low) of the 13th C.I. in the 3rd XXIX Bomb Division

Altitude of Lead A/C 18,000'

Altitude of High A/C 18,300'

Altitude of Low A/C 17,800'

REMARKS:

2. Actual route followed over enemy territory (giving names of towns if possible) 5000N - 0116E to 4927N - 0225E to 4852N - 0336E to 4902N - 0548E to 4925N - 0525E to 5014N - 0455E to 50 34N - 0402E to 5107N - 0240E.

3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.)

CAVE

4. No. of A/C over target 21

5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: **1 lost**

A/C No.	Height	Classification	Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.)
#534	18,000'	destroyed	Lost over Belgium. See text

7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?
90 seconds
8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target).
left to 265°
9. Short description of evasive action in target area.
None
10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

On route in a few bursts of flak were seen at Dieppe in distance to right. The next flak was also reported as in distance to right probably from Neufchatel. This was reported as 10 to 12 bursts in groups of 3 & 4. At 1830 a heavy barrage was seen over Paris at a formation of B-17's. Two B-17's were observed shot down by this fire. They were probably 1st Division ships. At 1839 about 10 bursts of flak were seen to left probably from Rheims. The bursts were quite distant. From here until Charleroi was reached no flak was seen. At Charleroi meager inaccurate probably unseen flak was put up. This was generally low and all to left with a few bursts above the formation. At the target, Le Culot, meager but accurate flak was reported on 100th group with the flak becoming heavier in the following groups, one 100th Sp. plane #534, was hit by flak in this area and the #3 engine knocked out. The ship hit the deck and followed the group out to within 10 miles of the coast where it was abandoned by the crew. It is believed that there are two batteries at the A/D with only one in operation against 100th group. Some ~~XXXX~~ automatic weapon flak was also put up. Gun fire here was all seen continuous pointed in single bursts and salvos of 4. Beyond Le Culot no flak was reported until the coast was reached where meager distant flak was put up from both Dunkirk and Ostend.

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

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TARGET Se Culat DATE OF ATTACK 27-4-44

PILOT'S NAME Harris NAVIGATOR Coastney A/C NO. 011

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -
Lead A/C _____
Highest " _____
Lowest " 17,000

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 209

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 130

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 2 min sec. sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1939

7. Turn from Target after Bombing 10 turns

8. True Course Away from Target 307

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: None

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

10. Visibility at Target: 3 miles Broken Clouds 40

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1750	00° 00' N	120	167	
1806	02° 35' E	116	167	
1833	03° 32' E	116	184	1st point of the course
1850	05° 49'	33	184	Hunting zone
1900	06° 15'	20	184	Target
1929	08° 55'	33	184	NO SP. Bompatch
1950	09° 02' E	184	184	
2013	02° 40' E	298	154	
2. Turn from Target after Bombing				
3. True Course Away from Target				
4. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area				

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
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TARGET Le Culot DATE OF ATTACK 27-4-44

PILOT'S NAME Harrison NAVIGATOR Mc Cormick A/C NO. 986

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th () C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A/C	A Group	B Group
Lead		<u>18300</u>	
Highest	"		
Lowest	"		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 310°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 90 sec. 90 sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1937

7. Turn from Target after Bombing left

8. True Course Away from Target 265°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: none

10. Visibility at Target: CAVU - with heavy ground haze.

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
<u>1746</u>	<u>5003-0120</u>			
<u>1822</u>	<u>4852-0335</u>			
<u>1911</u>	<u>4140-0530</u>	<u>1924</u>		<u>Target A</u>
<u>1928</u>	<u>Charlton</u>			
<u>1950</u>	<u>5040-0401</u>			
<u>2010</u>	<u>5105-0253</u>			
<u>2013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>lost</u>	<u>at briefed point.</u>	
	<u>-</u>			
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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET A/D 5027-0427 DATE OF ATTACK 27-4-44

PILOT'S NAME Wm. H. C. Barker NAVIGATOR J. H. C. Barker A/C NO. 903

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th () C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	Lead	A/C	A Group	B Group
Highest	"	"	<u>18,300</u>	
Lowest	"	"		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 308°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run —

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 45 sec. — sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 7936

7. Turn from Target after Bombing slight left.

8. True Course Away from Target 272

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: —

slight S. mag.

10. Visibility at Target: Very hazy - 3 miles

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
17.46	50° 07' N 17° 10' W	172	205K	
18.22	48° 48' N 3° 35' W	201	200K	
18.50	49° 07' N 5° 20' W	230	160K	IN OVERCAST, EXACT
19.36	TARGET	308	150K	Past. not known. Notice
20.09	51° 29' N 13° 30' W	310	150K	IN TARGET AREA
4. True Heading on Bomb Run				
5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing				
6. Time Bombs Away				
7. Turn from Target after Bombing				
8. True Course Away from Target				
9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area				

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12. Visibility at Target: —

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

3-2 49-8/1/44

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TARGET

PILOT'S NAME

DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO.

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SHIP NO.

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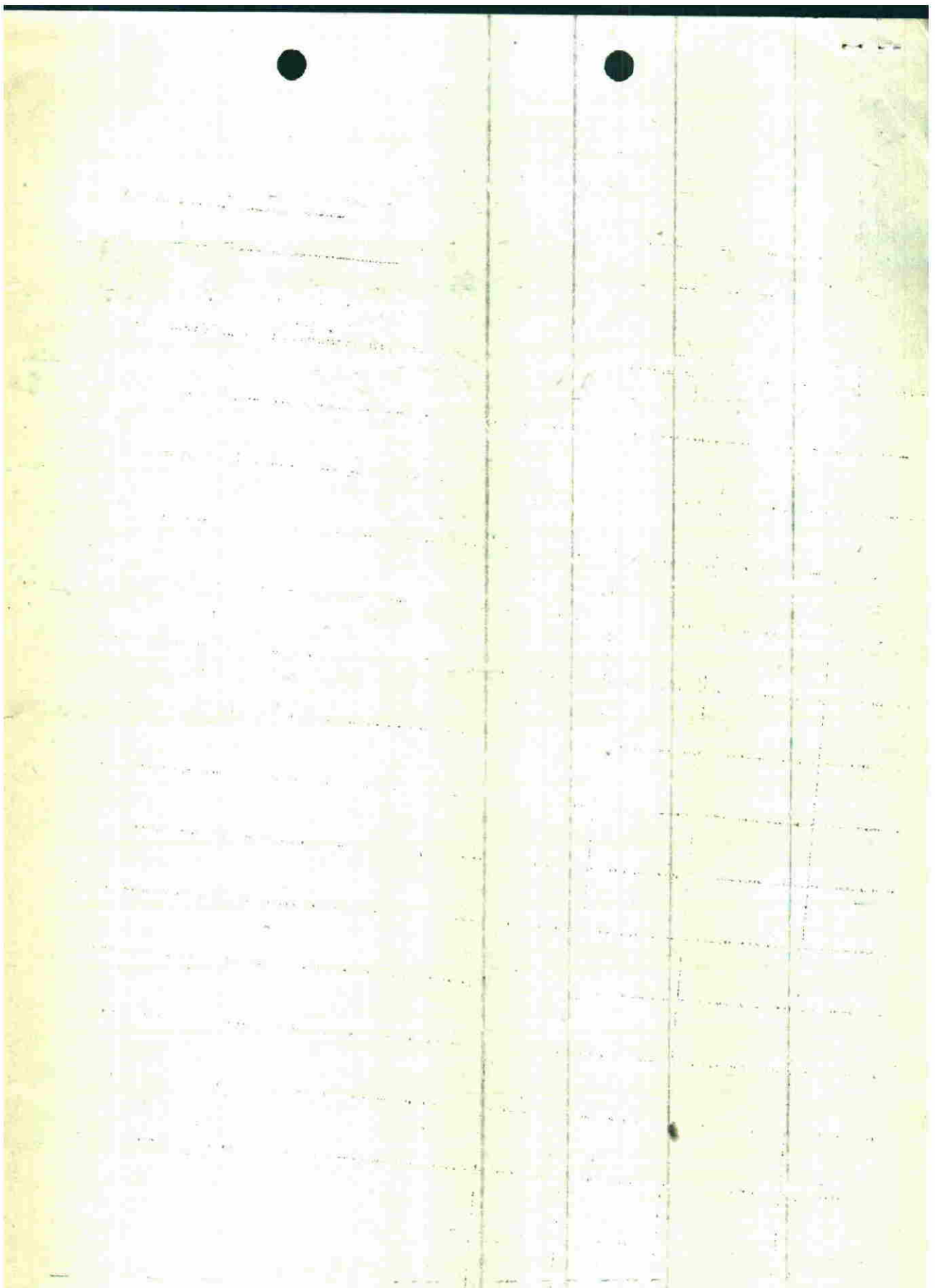
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PILOT'S NAME

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SHIP NO.

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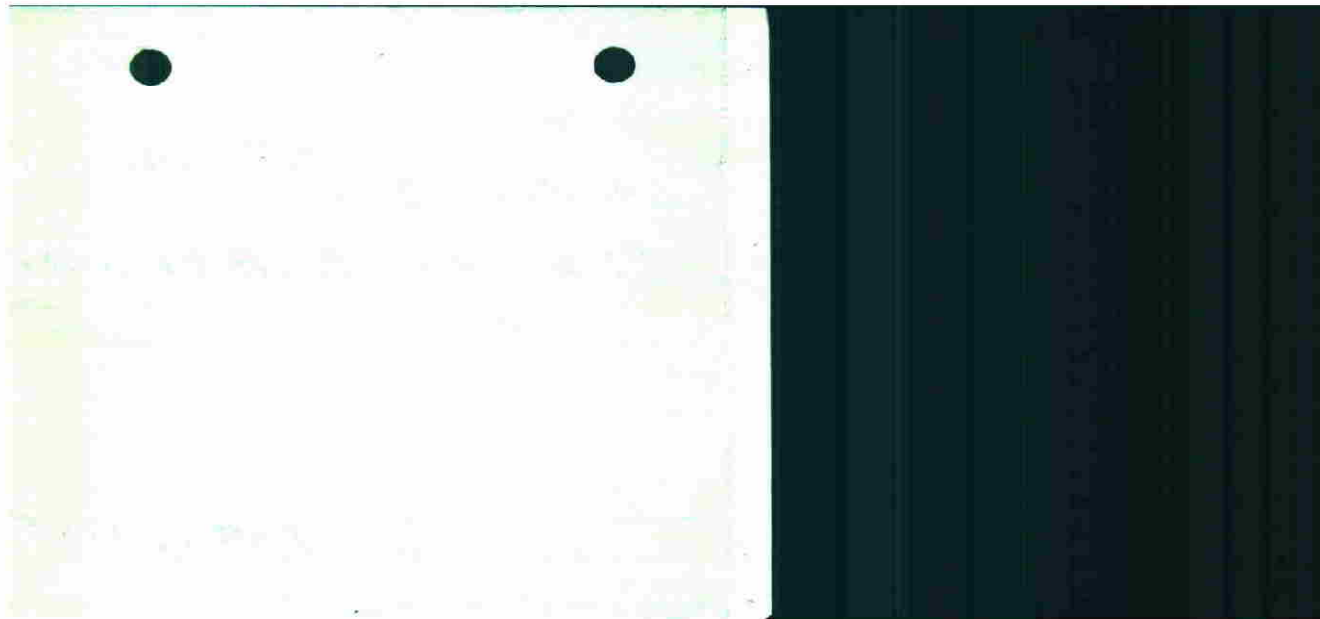
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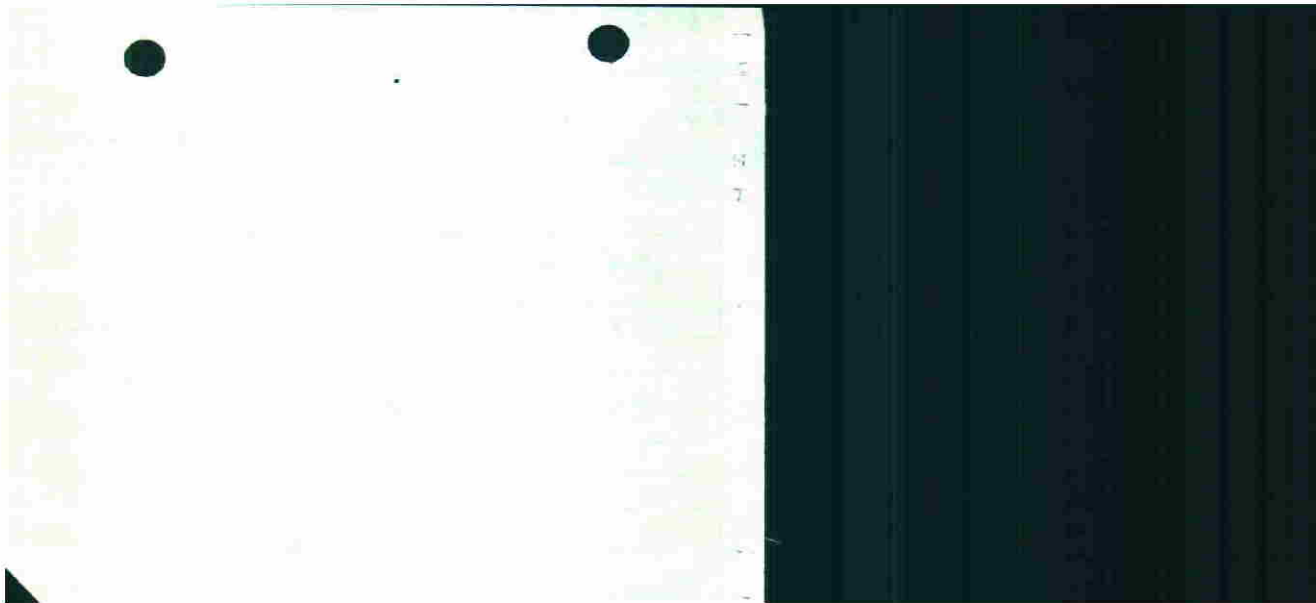
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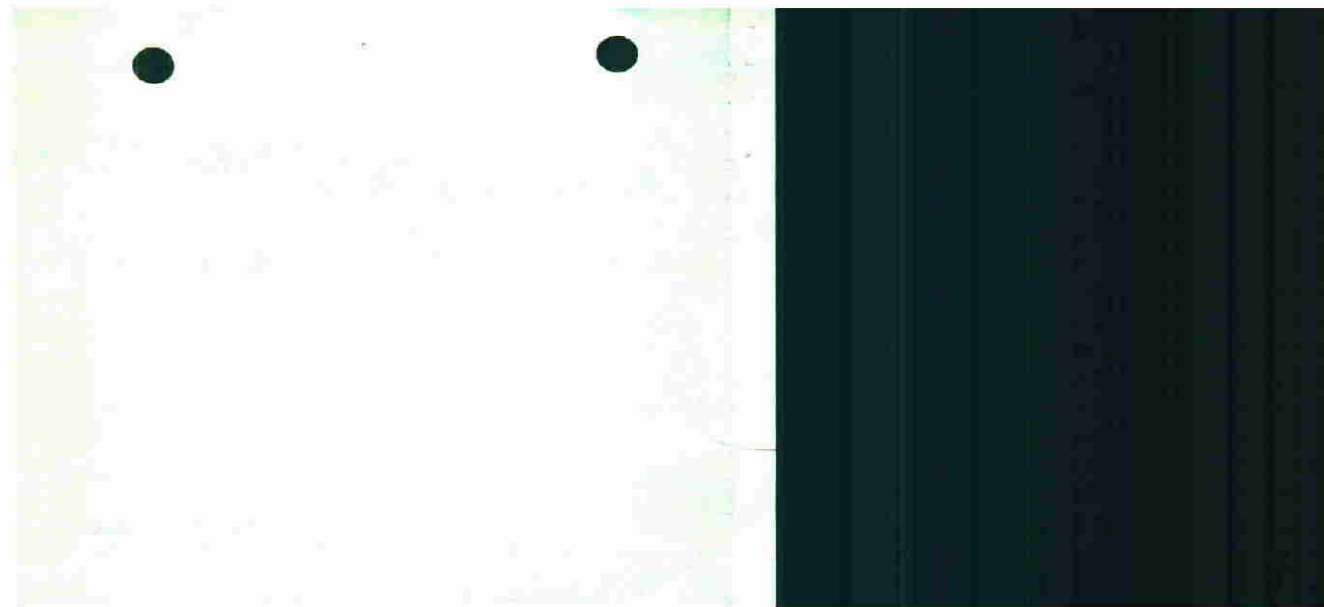
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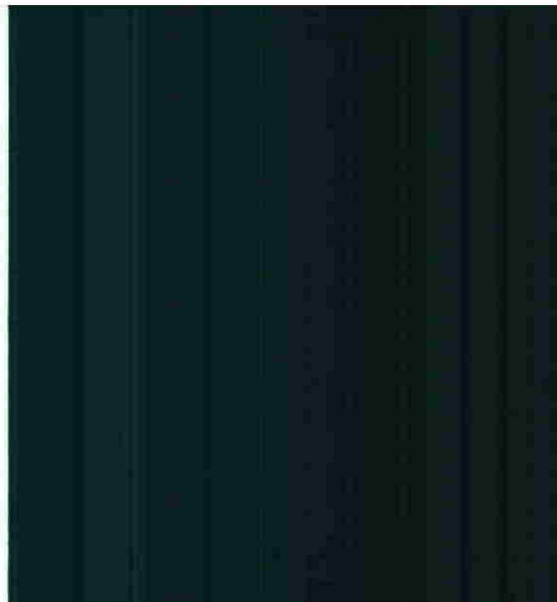
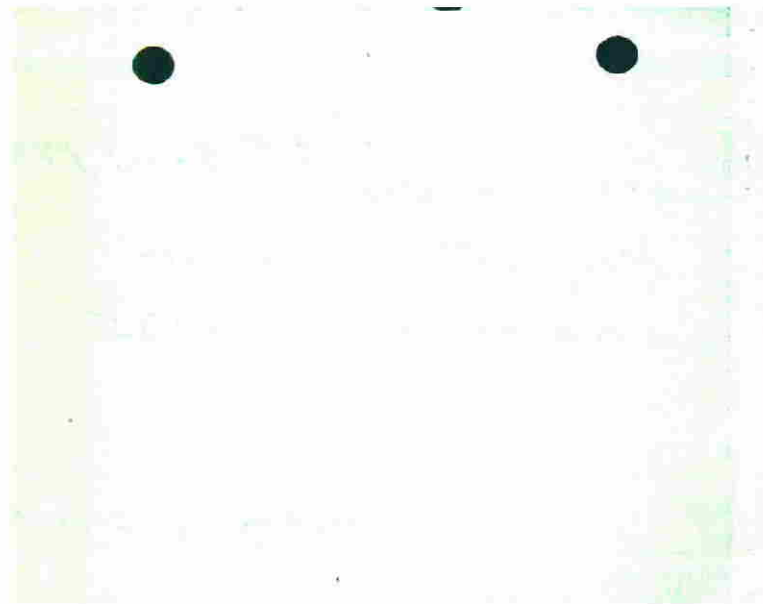
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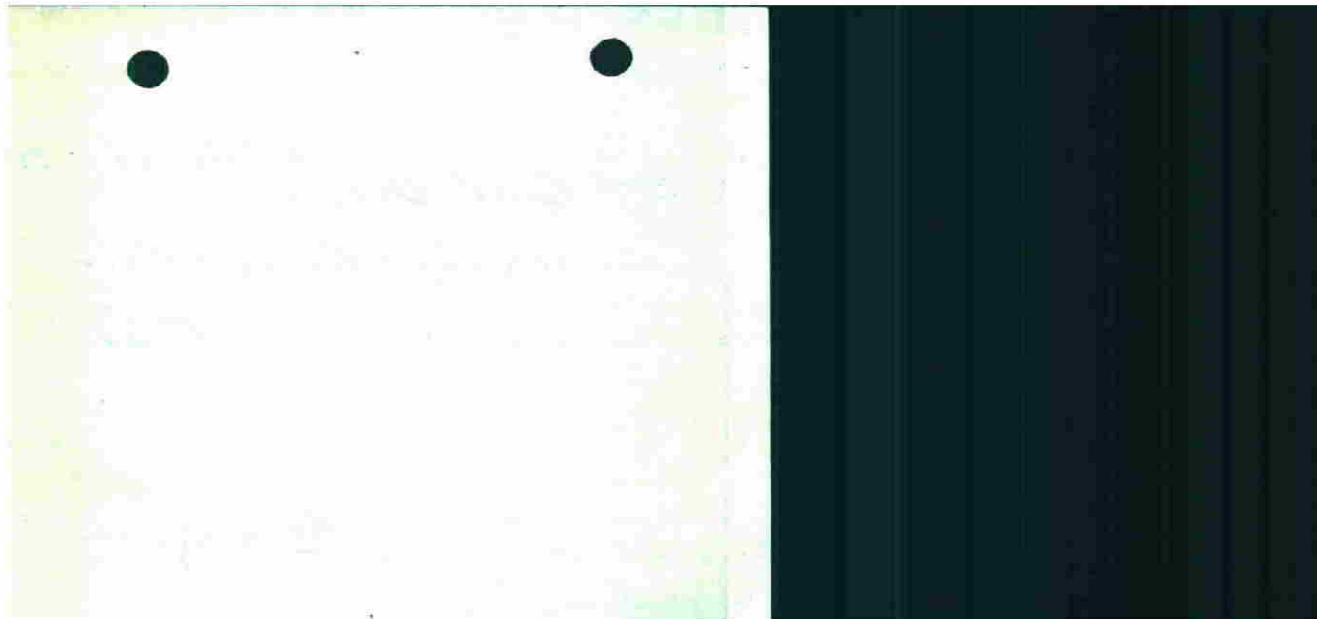
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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

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AFG 559
27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Operational Mission No. 158

TO : 3-1, 100th Bomb Group (H), AFG 559

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission No. 158, 27 April 1944:

PILOT	TARGET BOMBED	COORDINATES TURNED BACK	3/A OBSERVED
Lt. H. E. Bethea	Yes	Target	No
Lt. C. H. Cowan	"	"	"
Lt. C. S. Harris	"	"	"
Lt. J. A. Harrison	"	"	"
Lt. R. D. Horne	"	"	"
Lt. J. Hunter	"	"	"
Lt. A. Kunder	"	"	"
Lt. R. F. Lischer	"	"	"
Lt. J. W. McGuire	"	"	"
Lt. E. P. Moordyn	"	"	"
Lt. J. J. Haring	"	"	"
Lt. J. P. Rogers	"	"	"
Lt. H. Rosine	"	"	"
Lt. M. D. Rupert	"	"	"
Lt. J. M. Shelly	"	"	"
Lt. E. J. Siawert	"	"	"
Lt. E. J. Simmons	"	"	"
Lt. E. C. Shaddix	MISSING	"	"
Capt. L. C. Van Steenis	"	"	"
Lt. D. Williams	"	"	"
Lt. R. W. Wright	"	"	"
Lt. E. J. Dille (Spare)	No	5055-0058 E	"
Lt. E. J. Schomp (Spare)	"	5000-0100 E	"
Lt. W. P. Scott (Spare)	"	5000-0150 E	"

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AFO 559
27 April 1944

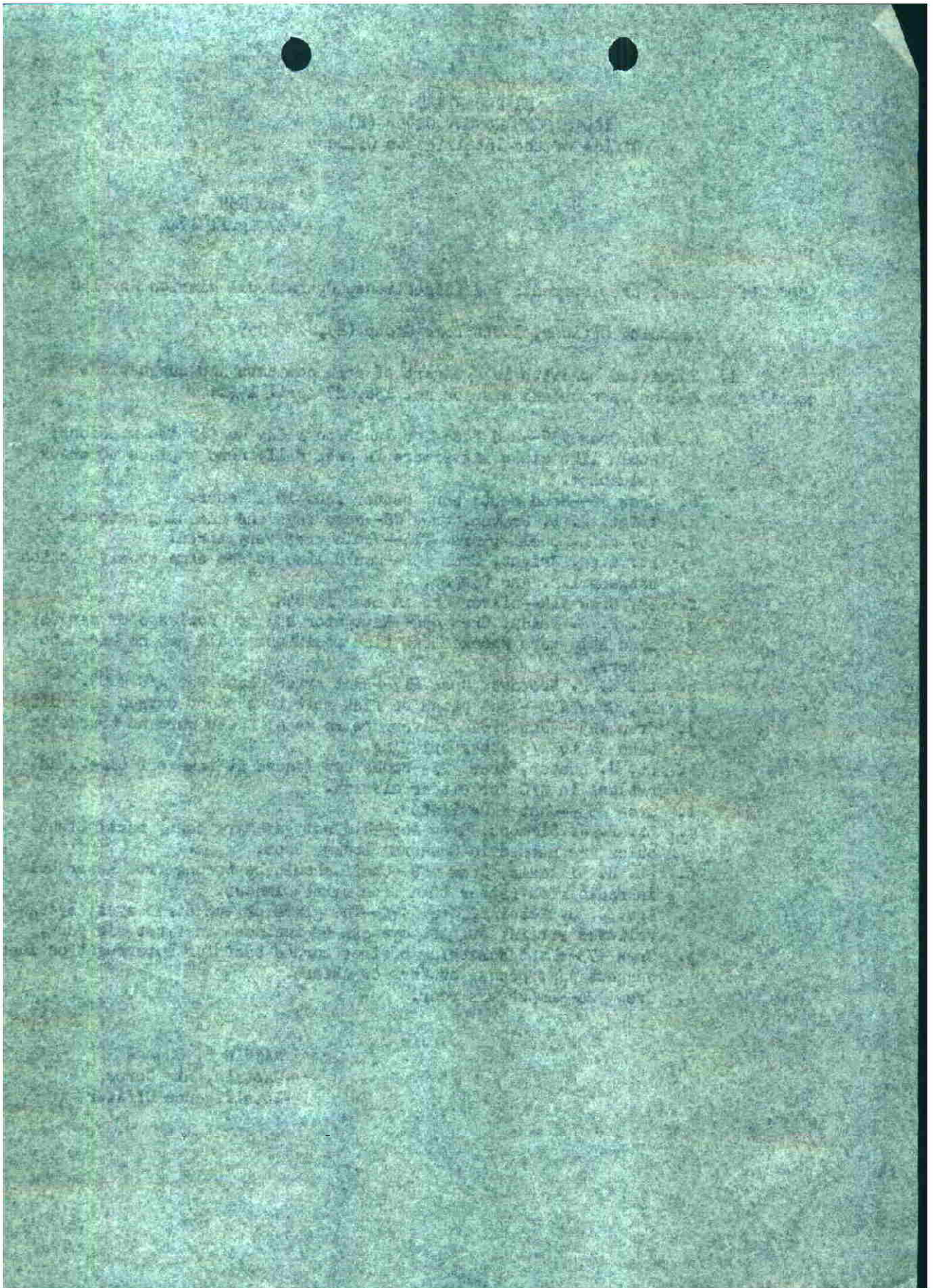
SUBJECT: Digest, Crew Comments and Suggestions, Operational Mission No. 158

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bomb Group (H), AFO 559

1. Submitted herewith is a digest of crew comments and suggestions compiled by S-2 on Operational Mission No. 158, 27 April 1944:

- a. EM, Crew #37--Bad food for lunch on a day we fly two missions; would like clean silverware in mess hall; need a place to check valuables.
- b. Crew #8--Need rest; want better food in EM mess.
- c. T/Sgt. J. L. Craven, Crew #8--Need rags and cleaning patches.
- d. Lt. J. M. Shelly, Crew #14--Whole crew very tired.
- e. Lt. R. W. Wright, Crew #38--Would like to see some evasive action between I.P. and Target.
- f. EM, Crew #49--Silverware in mess is bad.
- g. Lt. F. A. Meade, Crew #54--Navigator had no knowledge of target; if lead ship were knocked out, flak positions would not be known to others.
- h. Lt. E. P. Moordyk, Crew #17--Want armor plate for A/C #009.
- i. EM, Crew #34--Want patch on flak suit to support oxygen mask clip.
- j. Crew #45--Want clean silverware in mess; there were no trucks to take EM to A/C after briefing.
- k. Lt. J. Hunter, Crew #25--Bombs not loaded at take off time. No rations in A/C for either mission.
- l. Crew #33--Want a navigator.
- m. Lt. E. J. Simons, Crew #65--Did not get Mars canny bars; light bulbs are needed in Gunners' Locker Room.
- n. Lt. R. Williams, Crew #80--Chaff should be thrown from lower hole in radio room rather than from waist windows.
- o. Sgt. C. G. Dobbins, Crew #74--The glare of sun tires eyes; eyewash relieves strain; suggest eyewash be included in first aid pack.
- p. Crew #73--Want something besides corned beef for interrogation lunch; suggest jam, peanut butter, or cheese.
- q. Crew #26--Lunch was poor.

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FROM TAS 28/1100B

TO THE

INFO OF OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100 BG P-575-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

100 BG - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT - LE CULOT A/C
(THIONVILLE) 27 APRIL 1944.

A. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION:

(1). WE FLEW LEAD IN 13 CW. NO E/A WERE ENCOUNTERED.

B. OBSERVATIONS:

1. A CONCENTRATION OF BNIX BUILDINGS, APPEARING TO BE A FACTORY AREA, WERE REPORTED NEAR 5036N-0511E.
2. AT 1709 HOURS NEAR 4922N-0248E, A LARGE FIRE WAS SEEN AT THE EDGE OF A WOODS.
3. AN A/D WAS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED NEAR 4935N-0158E.
4. AN A/D HAVING ONE WEST TO EAST RUNWAY WAS REPORTED NEAR 4928N-0220E.

C. CREWS REPORTS OF FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS:

1. OUR A/C NO. 534 WAS HIT BY FLAK OVER THE TARGET AREA. THIS SHIP STRAGGLED BACK TO 5100N-0255E WHERE AT 2000 HOURS IT WAS LAST SEEN GOING SOWN CIRCLING AND AFIRE. 10 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
2. AT 1832 HOURS NEAR 4845N-0410E, 2 UNIDENTIFIED B-17'S THAT WERE BELIEVED TO COME FROM THE LOW GROUP OF THE 4TH C.W. WERE SEEN TO EXPLODE. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.

D. CREW COMMENTS AND ~~REMARKS~~ SUGGESTIONS: NONE.

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INFO OF COMBOMCH THIRTEEN

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28/4/44 1100 3-2

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2. AT 1709 HOURS NEAR 4922N-0218E, A LARGE FIRE WAS SEEN AT THE EDGE OF A WOODS.
3. AN A/D WAS REPORTED TO BE LOCATED NEAR 4925N-0150E.
4. AN A/D HAVING ONE WEST TO EAST RUNWAY WAS REPORTED NEAR 4926N-0220E.

C. CREWS REPORTS OF FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS:

1. OUR A/C # 534 WAS HIT BY FLAK OVER THE TARGET AREA. THIS SHIP STRUCK BACK TO 5100N-0255E WHERE AT 2008 HOURS IT WAS LAST SEEN GOING DOWN CIRCLING ONCE AND AFIRE. 10 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
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D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS: NONE.

COMBOMCH ONE HUNDRED.

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INFO OF COMBOMCONEG THIRTEEN
ATTN: 3-2

COMBOMC ONE HUNDRED
26/4/68 0040 3-2

100 BOMB GROUP--OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE--LE CULOT A/D (THUANVILLIN) 27 APRIL 1968

1. LEAFLETS--NONE.

2. BOMBING RESULTS--TARGET "C" (LE CULOT A/D) WAS BOMBED. FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW BOMB BURSTS ALONG THE EASTERN PERIMETER OF A/D. BOMBS APPEAR TO HAVE HIT IN BUILDINGS AND A DISPERSED AREA WITH ESTIMATED FAIR TO GOOD RESULTS.

3. E/A: NO E/A WERE ENCOUNTERED.

4. FLIT--

NEUPHAT--MEAGER, OUT OF RANGE TO OUR RIGHT.

RENNY--MEAGER, IN DISTANCE TO OUR RIGHT.

CHALONG--OUT OF RANGE TO OUR RIGHT. INTERIOR AND ACCURATE ON 1ST DIVISION FORMATIONS. AT LEAST 2 AND POSSIBLY 3 B-17'S WERE SHOT DOWN BY FLAK IN THIS AREA.

LE CULOT A/D--4 MINUTES OF MEAGER TO MODERATE TRACKING FLAK. BOMB WAS VERY ACCURATE. ONE OF OUR B-17'S WAS HIT AND LATER WENT DOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

OSTANG AREA--MEAGER, OUT OF RANGE TO OUR RIGHT.

5. WEATHER--6 TO 7/10 CLOUDS OVER TARGET "A". HEAVY GROUND HAZE OVER TARGET "C".

6. OBSERVATION--NONE.

7. OTHER INFORMATION--

1. AT 1709 HOURS, 4923-0245 B, A LARGE FIRE WAS OBSERVED IN THE EDGE OF A WOODS. MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY BOMBING.

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT.

COMBOMC ONE HUNDRED

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To **3rd Bom B. Div.**
LPJm

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Bombs DROPPED

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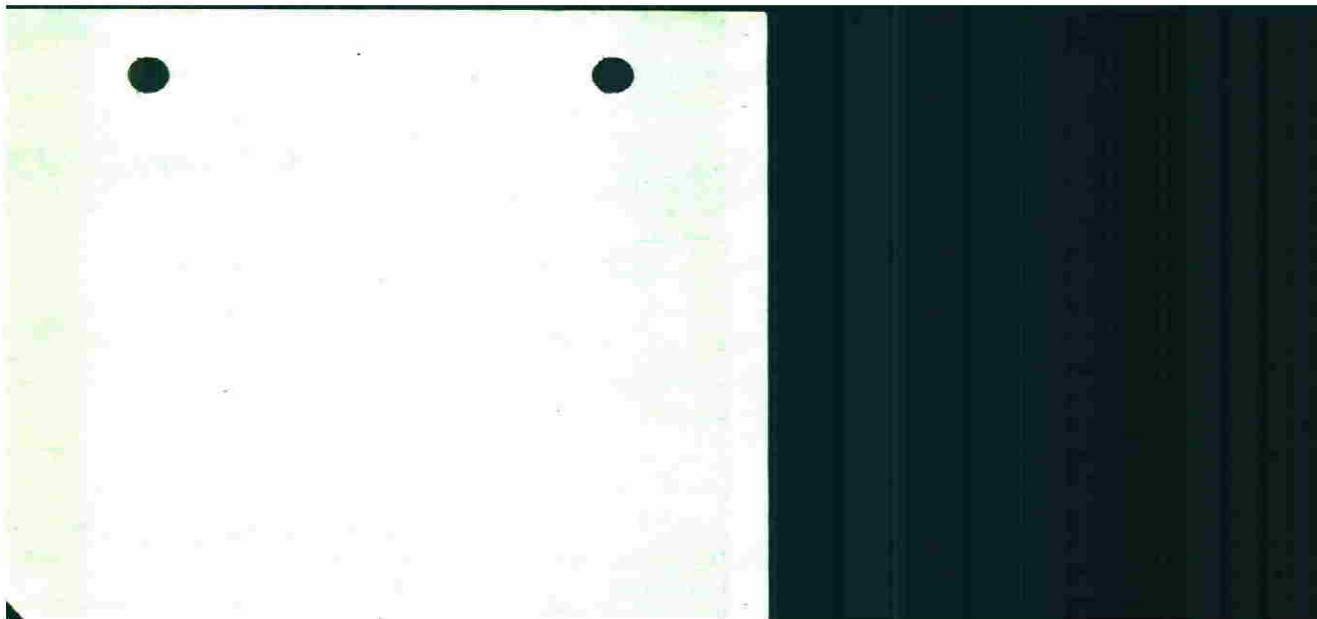
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100 BOMB GROUP--OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE--LE CULOT A/D (THIONVILLE) 27 APRIL 1944

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3. E/F: NO E/F WERE ENCOUNTERED.

4. FLAK--

HEUTECHATEL--SEAGER, OUT OF RANGE TO OUR RIGHT.

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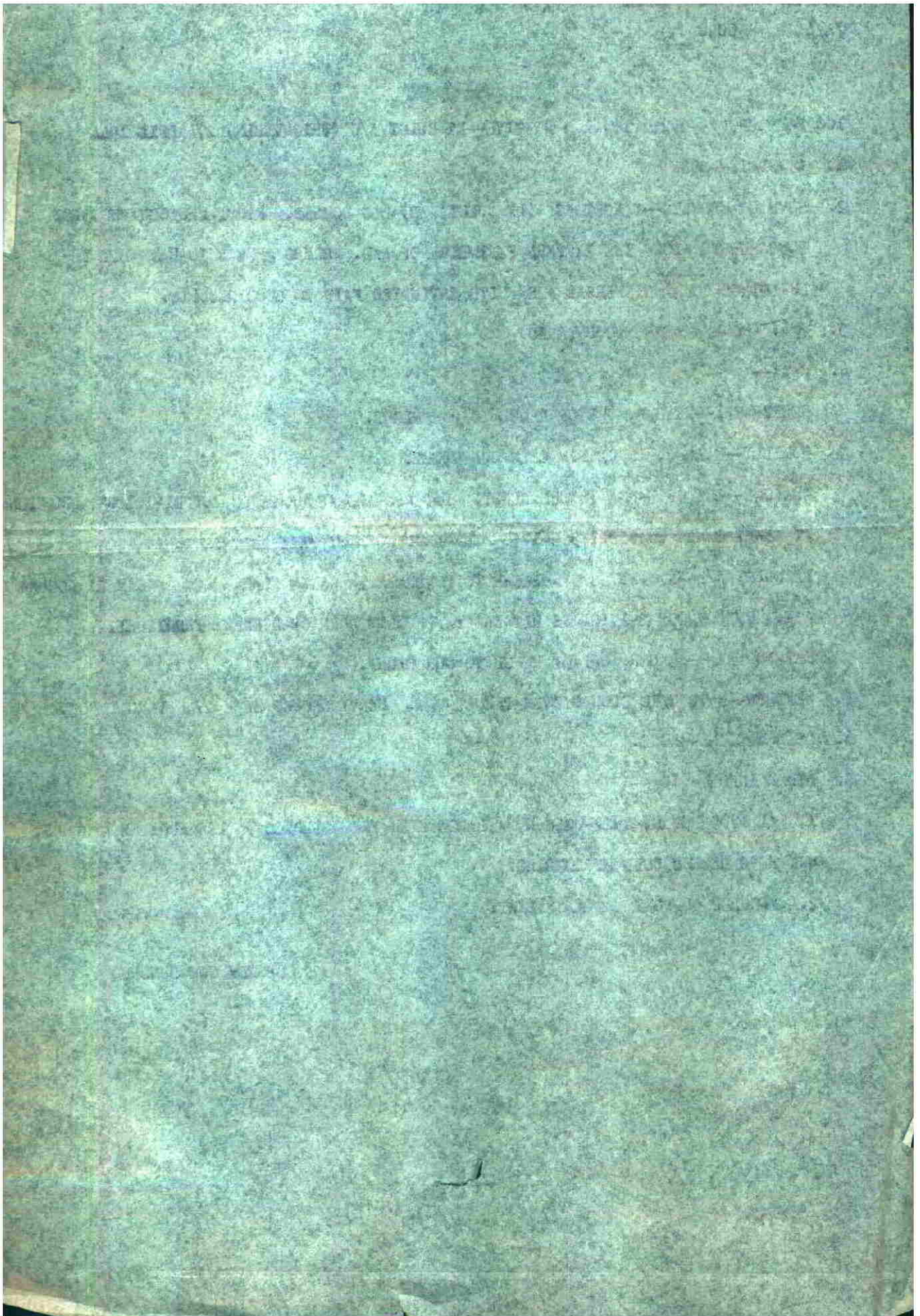
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7. OTHER INFORMATION--

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2. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT.

COBOMOR ONE HUNDRED



OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

158

PRIME TARGET					TOTAL
1. GROUP/WING	LeCulot				
2. A/C AIRBORNE	100/13				
3. A/C DISPATCHED	24 A/c				
4. A/C DISPATCHED	21 A/c				
5. A/C ATTACKING	21 A/c				
5. A/C FAILING TO ATTACK	NONE				
a. Mechanical					
b. Weather					
c. Enemy Action					
d. Other					
6. A/C LOST					
a. To AA	1 A/c				
b. To e/a					
c. To AA and e/a					
d. To accident					
e. By reasons unknown					
7. TIME OF ATTACK	1937				
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	18,300'				
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)					
a. Number					
b. Size					
c. Type					
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)	X				
a. Number	251				
b. Size	500				
c. Type	GP				
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)					
a. Number					
b. Size					
c. Type					
10. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES					
a. Killed					
b. Wounded					
c. Missing	10 Men				
d. Rescued					
11. BATTLE DAMAGE	NONE				
a. Minor					
b. Major					
c. Salvage					

12. Claims

S.2 48/ 1-1/44

None

Phoned to 38D
13C BW

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27 Apr 1944

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A/C RETURNING EARLY

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P.M.

A/C Number 126 A/C Letter D
 Squadron 351st Pilot T. K. J. Dille
 Time landed at base 1830
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
50°55' - 00°58'
 Time turned back 1730
 Altitude at time turned back 18,000
 Reason for abortion Spare - no opening
 Disposition of bombs Brought back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer James D. Shirley

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 276 A/C Letter S
 Squadron 351st Pilot WMP Scott
 Time landed at base 1820
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
50°00'N. - 01°50'E
 Time turned back 1733
 Altitude at time turned back 18,500
 Reason for abortion Spare - no opening
 Disposition of bombs Brought back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer James D. Shirley

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A/C RETURNING EARLY

27/4 158
PM

A/C Number 936 A/C Letter M
 Squadron 357th Pilot Lt. R. J. Shomp
 Time landed at base 1825
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
50°00 N - 01°00 E.
 Time turned back 1730
 Altitude at time turned back 18,000
 Reason for abortion Spare - no opening
 Disposition of bombs Brought back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer Lt. James D. Shirley

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number _____ A/C Letter _____
 Squadron _____ Pilot _____
 Time landed at base _____
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:

 Time turned back _____
 Altitude at time turned back _____
 Reason for abortion _____
 Disposition of bombs _____
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer _____

S-2 11/7-3-43

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW ① A/D unbombed at 4915-0231 - dispersals
in woods - looked like new field.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent - close

THIS SHIP (WAS) (~~WAS NOT~~) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A)

INTERROGATORS NAME

982

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

Position in formation
(at target)

A diagram showing the arrangement of 20 'X' marks on a grid, representing the layout of a manuscript page. The marks are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape with some internal structure.

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

TARGET BOMBED

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

DILLE

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name
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Rank	Name
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A diagram showing the arrangement of 15 'X' marks on a grid, representing the 15-puzzle. The marks are arranged in a pattern that is one row short and one column wide of a full 4x4 grid, with the bottom-right corner missing.

<u>Lt. K. J. Dille</u>	P	<u>S/Sgt. C. A. Baytos</u>	TT
<u>Lt. J. L. Passerino</u>	CP	<u>Sgt. A. J. Arréola</u>	BT
<u>Lt. V. J. Perez</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. S. ^M. Szekely</u>	RW
<u>Pvt. C. P. Coulam</u>	B	<u>Sgt. A. Stankovich</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. L. Kirby</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. N. O. Berger</u>	TC

Rank

Name _____

Status

Casualties	Rank	Name	Status

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (T), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time _____

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:

Place

On target _____

Azt

Jettisoned

Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time

T. Opp.

Time

Place _____

Jett,

Place

Alt. _____

Br't back

Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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No.	type	Weapons
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Tactics: _____ type _____ weapons _____

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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Tactics:

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OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

no more seen - no for away.

OB17 - ~~was hit~~ hit of our group - hit
by flak at target - #3 motor amaking -
grapped low & behind - believe went
down burning as we moved French coast.
no chutes.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

name

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Armour plate for 009 -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good

~~THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).~~

INTERROGATORS NAME

Rank	Name
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<u>Lt. J. Hunter</u>	P	<u>S/Sgt. A. L. Wellingham</u>	TT
<u>Lt. G. W. Shoesmith</u>	CP	<u>Sgt. XX E. D. Medhurst</u>	BT
<u>Lt. R. J. Heh</u>	N	<u>Sgt. S. J. Martiello</u>	RW
<u>Lt. M. J. Lirette</u>	B	<u>Sgt. R. H. Huehel</u>	LW
<u>Sgt. S. Lecouras</u>	<u>RAD</u>	<u>S/Sgt. H. S. Couth</u>	TG
	Rank	<u>S/Sgt. R. J. Machart</u>	F
		Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

Time 1937 No., Size & Type _____
Place C On target 12/500
Alt 19000 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

Yours:
HANGARS

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Other
BUDS RIGHT
OF RAILWAY

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

Reason

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No. type	Weapons		
Tactics:			

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DISCREPANCY - 2000
 5700N/0300E - TH 534 - RIGHT GAS TANK
 HIT - UNDER CONTROL → 7 CHUTES.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

940HRS - 19000 - 1045/0440 - TH ROOFED HUTS
 NUMEROUS - (SILVERWARE) - SOME SHEDS?

440N/0148 - 19000 - 131° - 1854
 LARGE BALL OF BLACK SMOKE AT
 702 - ~~LARGE AND~~

49N/0248 - 19000 - 1709 - LG FIRE SEEN
 AT EDGE OF WOODS -

CREW SUGGESTIONS

BOMBS NOT LOADED ~~BE~~ TAKE-OFF TIME.
 DIRTY SILVERWARE -
 NO RATIONS IN SHIP - EITHER TRIP.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

1 HIRE EVUATOR

INTERROGATORS NAME

Lo King

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<u>Lt. W. C. Shaddix</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. J.H. Jee</u>	TT
<u>Lt. G. T. Sullivan</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. J.B. Cortelletty</u>	BT
<u>T/Sgt. R. C. Lestico</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. W.F. Cornelius</u>	RW
<u>Lt. C.M. Daily</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. K.V. Hale</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. E.H. Erb</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. H. Hamilton</u>	TG
Rank		Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time _____ No., Size & Type _____ Results Observed _____
 Place _____ On target _____ Yours: _____
 Alt _____ Jettisoned _____
 Br't Back _____

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition			Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____	
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____	
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

[illegible]

behind - also feathered #4 - saw 7 bullets.
 Last seen at 2008 at (5100-
 0257E).

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Saw large collection of
 buildings at (5036-0511E) - large
 area - factory style roofs - in
 bunches - no activity -

CREW SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Yes yes

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

73 INTERROGATION FORM *HARRIS B.C.*
GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 7X011 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 DATE 21/4/44

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A diagram of a rectangular field with a black border. Inside, there are 18 'X' marks representing trees. One 'X' on the left side is circled in red.

<u>Lt. C.E. Harris</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. N. Howden</u>	TT
<u>Lt. M.W. Hall</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. W.W. Moore</u>	BT
<u>Lt. L.W. Coartney</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. D.S. McGill</u>	RW
<u>Lt. J.E. Dimel</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. J.H. Blume</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. B.B. Gaard</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. A.B. Tinnell</u>	TG

Casualties	Rank	Name	Status
		<i>[Signature]</i>	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1937 No., Size & Type _____
Place Target On target 12x500
Alt 17800 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

Yours:
 H. H. Murray
 and hangars &
 other buildings
 Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Spicer target A - good but heavy ground
beze over target C.
TURNED BACK EARLY

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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plane seemed to be put in AFCE and 10 chutes came out. Plane then circled losing altitude but plane not seen to hit ground - #3 engine was knocked out by flak over target.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

~~Plane~~ Wing turned 15 miles W. of target A. Did not reach it. Reported target A open by this navigator.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Whole crew - want something besides corn beef for lunch - suggest jam, peanut butter, cheese etc.

Wash Site no 2 no hot water last night. Enlisted men by GI Movie no water of any kind.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

W. S. L.

Crew 54 INTERROGATION FORM *B5 NO GERS*
GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO 991 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name
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Rank	Name
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<u>Lt. J. P. Rogers</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. D. L. Kendall</u>	TT
<u>Lt. R. B. Lawler</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. R. E. Gately</u>	BT
<u>Lt. F. A. Meade</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. C. W. Brooks</u>	RW
<u>Lt. B. C. Lippmann</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. C. F. Cherry</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. T. S. Guralski</u>	RA	<u>S/Sgt. A. R. Fiore</u>	TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1934

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:

Place ?

On target 12×500

Alt 184000

Jettisoned

11-1- 220° mag - Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

6/1000 cloud cover at "A" target.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

Reason

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

None

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

cont. of previous last seen ship 'lost' altitude + fell
 behind but under control. Last seen at 1959
 (50°50' - 033°05') at about 9000' - still Toggling
 along under a little behind formation - Regret-
 ing ship at 18000' -

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

① - A/D ~~apparently~~ ~~lost~~ (49°28' 02°20'05")
 One Runway - W-E -

CREW SUGGESTIONS

① - Navigators had ~~no~~ knowledge of target
 to be bombed - If ship knocked out - position
 of plane areas would not be known -
 Lt Meade (N) -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

SHELLY

Rank	Name
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<u>Lt. J. M. Shelly</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. E. D. Lowther</u>	TT
<u>Lt. A. Sknar</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. V. M. Hairkian</u>	BT
<u>T/Sgt. Douglass</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. G. Winkler</u>	RW
<u>Lt. D. A. Fayette</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. J. P. O'Donnell</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. G. R. Trunkett</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. R. W. Bates</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		<u>None</u>	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

Time 1937 No., Size & Type _____
Place Chachery On target 12 x 500 GP
Alt 18500 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

$\frac{1}{2}$ short & others
on field -
Late of fresh
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

None

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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18/34 - 4 102 - 0548 E - 2 B-17 was
 wing to our right (AC) got into a belt
 of fire & 2 B-17's blew up & 2 chutes
 out of our ship.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

2 plane

CREW SUGGESTIONS

P. all crew very tired -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

very good - plenty around all time -

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

A. W. Long

far away to see any clusters -
 3) Shattering hit # 3. began at 1939, head
 270° from Target - 7 cluster for sure.
 Bailed out at [5055-0322] at 2010.
 When he got hit he dropped back to
 on left and saw flak coming around him.
 Must have been hit again.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

- ① A/D + Camp [4935-0158] - at 1757 at
 plus other
 beds
 1800!
 (2) [4926-0205] at 1805, at 1810 - a/d - 1140
 stands up in the woods - large installation
 3) Flak over Cheever - level - right
 in the group - mostly on right - no cluster
 single bursts - trailing -

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Bad food for lunch to fly two missions
 on - (Guinness)
 Clean Silverware for enlisted combat
 mess -
 place to check enlisted men's valuables.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

good - P. 57's, 47's, 38's

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

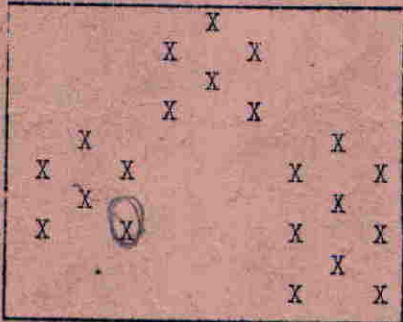
INTERROGATION FORM

KINDER

Crew 33
GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 504 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank Name Rank Name



Lt. A. Kinder - P T/Sgt. C.J. Wilson TT
Lt. T.R. Schumck CP S/Sgt. C.R. Daniels BT
T/Sgt. R. Beazer B S/Sgt. E.E. Wavrymen RW
Lt. W.J. Dodd AB S/Sgt. D.F. Castles LW
T/Sgt. R.W. Mazzacane RAD S/Sgt. C.B. Stewart TG

Casualties Rank Name Status

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1937 No., Size & Type 12x500 GP Results Observed
Place A/P On target Yours: Hit in buildings
Alt 17,500 Jettisoned + runway - lots
Br't Back of bombs -
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition Reason
Time T.Opp. Time
Place Jett. Place
Alt. Br't back Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

None

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

near Dixonsville - Hit by flock over
 tonight in Dixonsville #3 + little - had to
 put #4 in Dixonsville to. Cap - 8 chutes
 out - first before Dixonsville - 1st chute was
 primary + landing - when lost 2nd -
 that B-17 went to go down from 1st line
 off to Dixonsville - 1st + 2nd not obtained

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FM - never more with + food very poor -
 Crew - great navigator -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

C. W. Lewis

8 cluster at 2008. at 2000-4940 [det
 by flak - struggled along but cluster
 seen - Shattuck's ship

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

- 1) 7 hole at 1730 - low + right - 12 guns - [0130-4950]
- 2) 1823 - moderate ^{flak} [0345-4830] moderate accurate
- 3) at 1843 - [0520-0049] fire on ground - large - look like oil fire -
- 4) at 2012, merge flak - low [0130-4954]

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Want patch w/ sting on flak suit B
 support at 4 gun make clip - gunner.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Perf

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

KLB

GROUP 100 SQD 349- A/C NO -986 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 GP DATE 27/4/44

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Lt. J. A. Harrison P T/Sgt. A. E. Beechey TT

Lt. Col. Bennett CP S/Sgt. L. E. Nachatilo^{PT}

Lt. A. J. Busalacchi N S/Sgt. G. Nall RW

Lt. G.R. Morgan B S/Sgt. L. A. Robbins LW

T/Sgt. N.J. Covle RAD S/Sgt. R.J. Buchanan TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		<i>None</i>	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1937

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:

Place Target On target 128500

183-01 Jettisoned

Aht 18300 Jettisoned _____

Br't Back

Br't Back _____
306 mag.

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Low clouds $\frac{7}{10}$ over target A - with heavy ground haze over target C.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time 19 T. Opp. Time

Place _____ Jett. _____ Place _____

Alt. _____ Br't back _____ Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____

Tactics: _____ weapons _____

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2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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Tactics:

None

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

over target - hit back and forth
to coast - This crew saw no chutes - Did
see plane spiraling to ground but not
hit.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (~~WAS NOT~~) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

MCA

Crew 8 Postea INTERROGATION FORM HORNE BC
GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO 347 LTR BOMB LOAD 12 x 500 GP DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation (at target)

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	X							X	
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							X		
						X		X	

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
<u>Lt. R. D. Horne</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>T/Sgt. R.L. Fosdick</u>	<u>TT</u>
<u>Lt. J.M. McGrath</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>S/Sgt. C.G. Hunt</u>	<u>BT</u>
<u>T/Sgt. J.L. Craven</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>S/Sgt. SpM.Hall</u>	<u>RW</u>
<u>Lt. J. T. Evans</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S/Sgt. G. E. Hershberg</u>	<u>AW</u>
<u>T/Sgt. L. C. Willey</u>	<u>RAD</u>	<u>S/Sgt. J. G. Staron</u>	<u>TG</u>

Casualties Rank Name Status
None

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED "C"

Time 1937 No., Size & Type 12/500 Results Observed Yours: HIT CENTER OF MASS. RIGHT OF WING

Place "C" On target

Alt 18500 Jettisoned

70 Br't Back

Other Buildings burning

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time <u> </u>	T.Opp. <u> </u>	Time <u> </u>
Place <u> </u>	Jett. <u> </u>	Place <u> </u>
Alt. <u> </u>	Br't back <u> </u>	Alt. <u> </u>

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: NONE

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

None observed—Have

CREW SUGGESTIONS

BEST ONE IN ANCHOR - BETTER FOOD AT EMU'S
MESS HALL - NAVIGATOR - RAGS + PATCHES -

Very Good

3/4 дозы препарата

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

flew straight & level from IP to target;
est 5 minutes; would prefer some evasive
action.

2 missions a day are too much.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

1 hole in vertical
stabilizer

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/F).

INTERROGATORS NAME

E. F. Johnson

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<u>F/O B.D. Lofdell</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. C.J. McNeer</u>	BT
<u>Lt. G.R. James</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. T.E. Hick</u>	RW
<u>Lt. L.H. Barbour</u>	B	<u>Sgt. A. Freitas</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. R.G. Hawk</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. W.P. Hohman</u>	TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1936 No., Size & Type _____ Results Observed _____
 Place _____ On target 12 X 500 Yours: _____
 Alt 18,400 Jettisoned _____
 Br't Back _____
 Weather as it affected the Mission: _____
6 to 7/10 _____

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place None Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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15 minutes - think it was Sholdix.
#3 was feathered #4 on fire.
time 1940.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

33 - Vessels - Heading North.
5205N - 0150E at 1610

Black and also grey puff (flak)
in target area.

Saw several odd bursts - red + others
clearing white smoke in target area.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Submarine is still poor in EM Mess.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

L. W. Sheets

Crew 80 INTERROGATION FORM WILLIAMS
GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 154 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 lb DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

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Lt. R. Williams	P	Sgt. C.I. Tricker	TT
Lt. E.R. Nesmith	CP	Sgt. C.K. Flatkin	BT
Lt. Y.M. Pickett	N	Sgt. E.A. Yaroch	RW
Lt. V.C. Breszeals	B	S/Sgt. W.V. Cees	LW
Sgt. M.H. Evans	RAD	Sgt. R. Cohen	TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		<i>None</i>	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1938

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:

Place Le Culot

On target 12 X 500

Alt 18,800'

Jettisoned

Er't Back

BT - 30 boulders hit on runway
+ some boulders (small) hit
amongst buildings
along edge.

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time _____ T. Opp. _____ Time _____
Place _____ Jett. _____ Place _____
Alt. _____ Br't back _____ Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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No. _____ Type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

no cause on 1/11/44
 approx. 15,000' at approx. 5052-0445.

② ~~AK~~ ^{AK} blew up at 1830 hrs. approx. 30 miles, no chutes.
 Came

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Shouldn't throw stuff from waist window
 Saw hole in radio room for stuff. Pilot

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent.

THIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

Bauman

Crew 65

INTERROGATION FORM

SIMMONS

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO 767 LTR _____ BOMB LOAD 12 x 500 DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

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Lt.	J.R. Romeo	CP	Sgt. M.J. Ferno	BT
Lt.	W.E. Harmon	N	Sgt. W.E. Dell	RW
Lt.	R.E. McKitterick	B	Sgt. E.J. Denevan	LW
S/Sgt.	G.P. Birtig	RAD	Sgt. F.A. Raihl	TG
	Rank		Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1938 No., Size & Type _____ Results Observed _____
 Place _____ On target 12 x 500 Yours: Le Coult
 Alt 19,100 Jettisoned _____ A/D. Explosions
295 TH. Br't Back _____ were seen - hit in
 Weather as it affected the Mission: built up area -
 Smoke was seen
 rising over 1,000 ft.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place None Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

Leaving French Coast!

1-B-17 4855N - 0440E - 1833 -
was seen to explode - no chute
identity unknown.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Undercast + haze except
over target. Target A was
completely undercast.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Did not get any Mars Candy
bars.

Light bulbs are needed in gunners
locker room.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

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INTERROGATORS NAME

L. W. Sheets

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<u>Lt. C.H. Cowan</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. M.W. Holditch</u>	TT
<u>Lt. H. A. DiBern</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. W.A. Geigle</u>	BT
<u>T/Sgt. M. Grabel</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. R. Patrick</u>	RW
<u>Lt. H.L. Heyneman</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. A.C. Stoppie</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. J.P. Cooper</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. H.R. Kemble</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		61-15	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

Time 1936. No., Size & Type _____
Place C. Target On target 12500
Alt 12000 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

Usual
Hdg of Buildings
Flak Installations were
also piloted Other
Saw smoke some
black in places

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
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Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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234. Ship seemed under control.

Mangled. 1750 (4945-0125) 18000

Wing on Right 3 B17 Blew up one A-1 in front plane. No chutes.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

(4952-0235) H/F right of course. in good shape all Handstands covered by trees. 18000

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Clean silverman at Miss Hall - crew
No trucks to take E/M crew out to ship
after briefings - crew

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent.

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (I/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME Sumner

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

① Conny - 5220-01547 off British
Coast - with barrage balloons - (26)

CREW SUGGESTIONS

For lunch - Clean silverware
at enlisted combat men -
flying suit -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

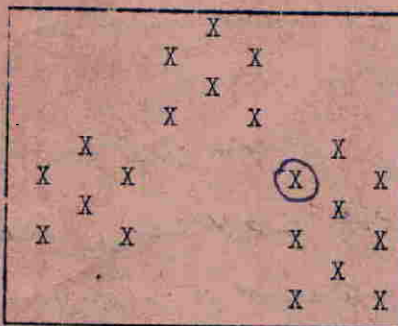
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INTERROGATORS NAME

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<u>Lt. H. Rosine</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. W.F. Dear</u>	TT
<u>F/O R.P. Max Lehman</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. R.C. Rodriguez</u>	BT
<u>Lt. D.S. Ribnick</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. B.G. Mailloux</u>	RW
<u>Lt. E.F. Kenna</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. C.K. Bland</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. R.V. Haines</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. C.M. Clemon Coleman</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1937 *am* *4* No., Size & Type
 014H 0439E On target *11* *x 500 GP*
 Place _____

Alt 18300 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back 1X500GP

Results Observed

Yours:

Yours:
In South Africa
7. South Africa
Area
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time _____ T. Opp. _____ Time _____
Place _____ Jett. _____ Place _____
Alt. _____ Br't back _____ Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ - Duration _____ - Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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2 engines feathered 5048N, 0340E; same
A/c @ 2005 hrs; was far behind; light
chutes seen; A/c was smoking.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Silver wave in E/W combat mess
is rusty. This is a chronic
condition. all E.W.

#12 bomb. couldn't be dropped: came
back with same

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

E. L. Johnson

Crew 74 INTERROGATION FORM **BETHEA**
GROUP 100 SQD 418 /C NO 090 LTR BOMB LOAD 12x500 DATE 27/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

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<u>S/Sgt. I. Bartoy</u>	N	<u>Sgt. C. C. Dobbins</u>	RW
<u>Lt. J. M. Henry</u>	B	<u>Sgt. E. A. Skapin</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. R. A. Vance</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. D. W. Harris</u>	TG
Rank		Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1937 No., Size & Type _____
 Place 04375 On target 12x500
 Alt 17640 Jettisoned _____
 Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

Yours:
H. T. Connor of Phil & F. A. Co.
Black smoke several
hundred feet high -
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

Reason

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

None —

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

2 charters seen - (50 48 N - 03 55 E) - Alt 2008
 - 7 more charters seen (51 00 - 03 00) - this last
 position is that of the reporting ship - I had the ship
 was 20 miles behind - at this point -
 (Heading = 375° - Alt 17300')

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

~~none~~

CREW SUGGESTIONS

① - Det DORRIS (R. W.) says that glare
 of sun made eyes very tired - He applied some
 "Mucous" that ~~was~~ he had and
 eyes were greatly relieved - He suggests that
 some type of eyeshade be made part of lot 410
 kit

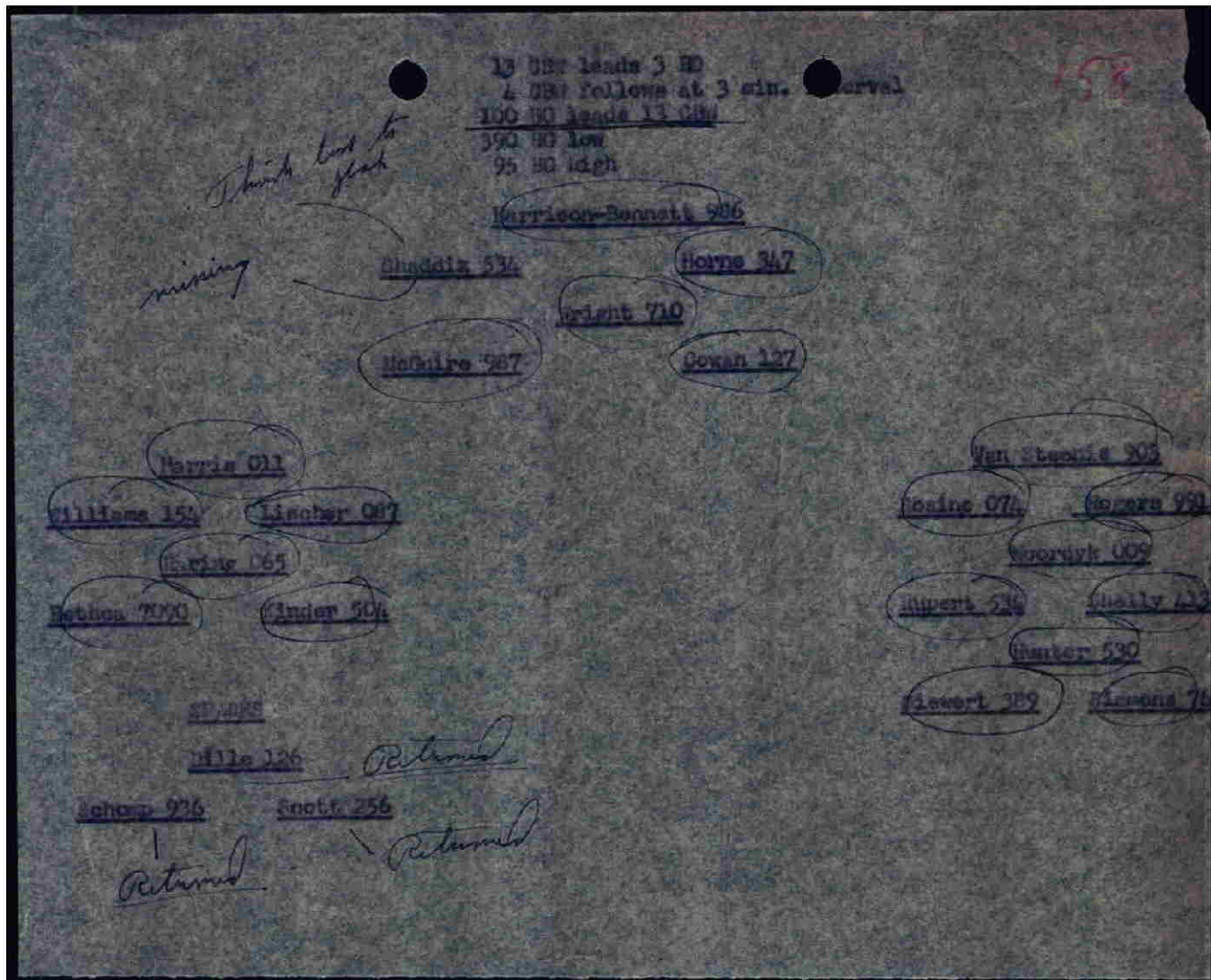
FIGHTER SUPPORT

Down bird -

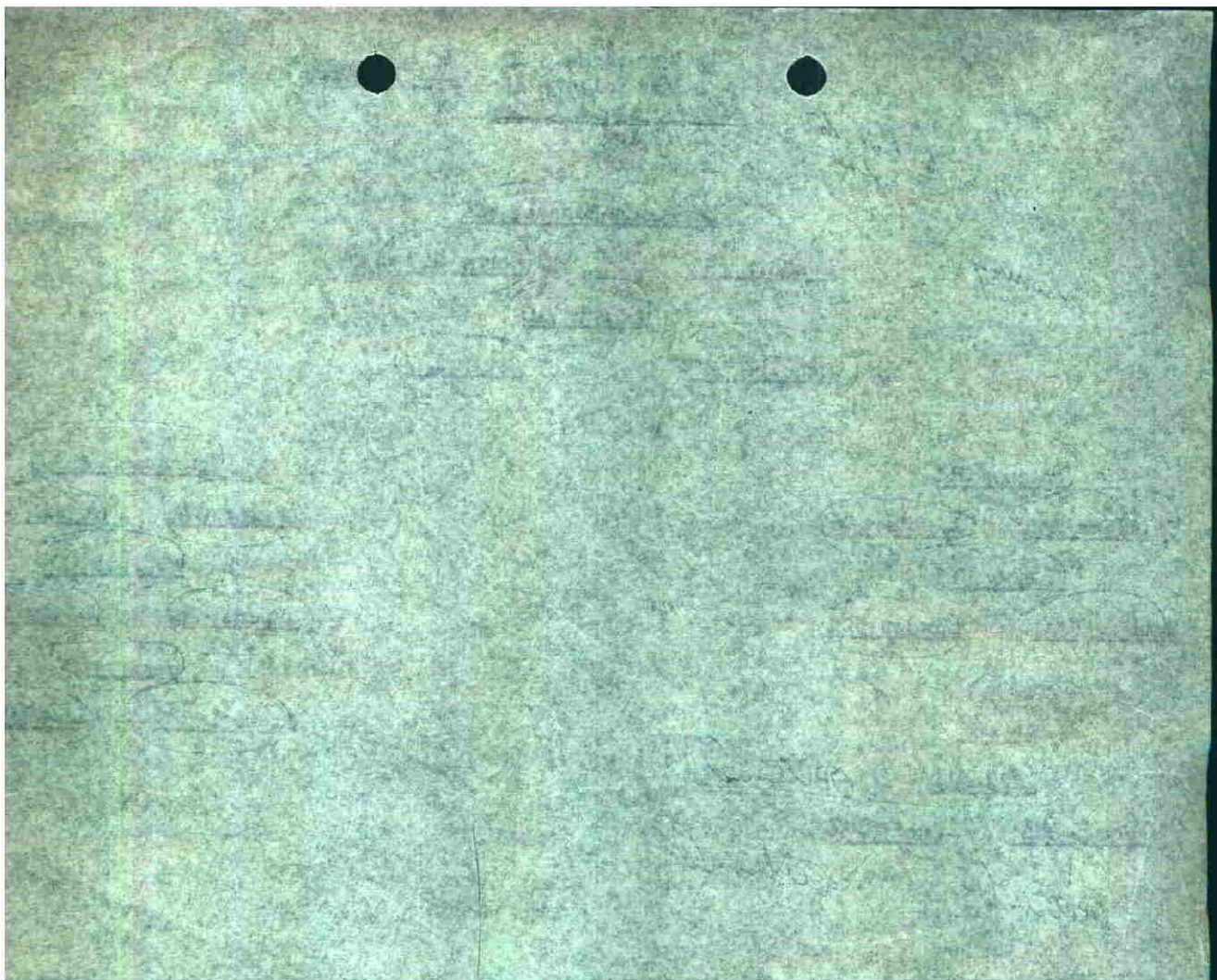
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INTERROGATORS NAME

M. A. ~~neers~~



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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK 27-4-44

PILOT'S NAME Cowan

SHIP NO. 127[illegible]

3-2 49-8/1/44

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CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

27/4 158 P.M.

ABBEY, LT.

SHAW, MAJOR

BARR, CAPT.

STOVER, CAPT.

BENNETT, LT. COL.

TURNER, LT. COL.

BLAKELY, MAJ.

WILLIAMS, M. M/Sgt.

CLOUTER, LT.

SPENCE, S/Sgt.

CROSBY, CAPT.

DOUGLAS, CAPT.

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Capt. Arick

ELTON, MAJOR

Capt. Callinan

EMERSON, MAJOR

Lt. Bowers

FRYE, LT.

S/Sgt. Turner

FULLER, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Cannon

GREENBURG, LT.

Sgt. Charlton

HARDY, CAPT.

Sgt. Wyatt

LAMMAGONE, CAPT.

Pvt. Nilsson

KELLY, COL.

Sgt. Kramer

KIDD, LT. COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR Capt. Crosby

KINDER, CAPT.

DUTY BOMBARDIER Lt. Milburn

LASH, CAPT.

LAURO, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

MCCARTHY, CAPT.

Lt. Nickols

MILBURN, LT.

Lt. Mortensen

ORENSTEIN, LT.

PIKE, LT.

REEDER, CAPT.

ROSENTHAL, CAPT.

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DATE OF BRIEFING _____

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AUTHORIZED ADMISSION

CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.	SHAW, MAJOR
BARR, CAPT.	STOVER, CAPT.
BENNETT, LT. COL.	TURNER, LT. COL.
BLAKELY, MAJ.	WILLIAMS, M. M/Sgt.
CLOUTER, LT.	SPENCE, S/Sgt.
CROSBY, CAPT.	*****
DOUGLAS, CAPT.	S-2 DUTY OFFICER <u>Lt. Shirley</u>
ELTON, MAJOR	<u>Capt. Terry</u>
EMERSON, MAJOR	<u>Lt. Bauman</u>
FRYE, LT.	<u>Sgt. Flang</u>
FULLER, CAPT.	<u>S/Sgt. Christensen</u>
GREENBURG, LT.	<u>S / Sgt. Armour</u>
HARDY, CAPT.	<u>Sgt. Smith</u>
IANNACOME, CAPT.	<u>Sgt. DuPratz</u>
KELLY, COL.	
KIDD, LT. COL.	DUTY NAVIGATOR <u>Capt. Crosby</u>
KINDER, CAPT.	DUTY BOMBARDIER <u>Capt. Douglass</u>
LASH, CAPT.	*****
LAURO, CAPT.	Add additional names when verbally authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:
MCCARTHY, CAPT.	
MILBURN, LT.	
ORENSTEIN, LT.	
PIKE, LT.	
REEDER, CAPT.	
ROSENTHAL, CAPT.	
S-2 52-17/4/44	DATE OF BRIEFING <u>Apr. 27, 1944</u>

CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer

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27 Apr. '44
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. From File Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. From Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Epiadiascope pictures prepared | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

FOOD☒FIRES

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| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

GUARDS

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| 1. Authorized Admission List | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Posting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Dismissal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

P/W KITS

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| 1. Loading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

POST BRIEFING

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| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at 1320
2. Briefing at 1330
3. Time over target 1900
4. ETR 2100
5. No. Crews on Mission 21+3 spare
6. File & Map clerks called at 1130
7. Other EM called at 1130
8. Officers notified at:
 - a. Main Briefing 1130
 - b. Gunners' Briefing 1130
 - c. Major Shaw _____

9. Assignments:

- a. Gunners' Epiadiascope Sgt. Flang
S/Sgt. Christman
- b. Main Br. Epiadiascope _____
- c. P/W Kits S/Sgt. Armour
- d. Map Room Sgt. Smith + DuRoi

10. Personal phone calls stopped 1325

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

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FORMATION POSITION
LEAD SQDN

COMBAT MISSION OF

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Harrison-Bennett - 986 (M)
 Shaddix - 534 (N) Horne - 347 (K)
 Wright - 710 (P)
 McGuire - 987 (A) Bowen - 127 (J)

Bullock - 418
 LOW SQDN

Harris - 011 (T)
 Williams - 154 (A) Lischer - 087 (F)
 Rasing - 065 (U)
 Bethea - 7090 (D) Kinder - 504 (G)

HIGH SQDN

Poubah.
 VanHeunis - 903 (f)
 Reine - 074 (G) Rogers - 991 (D)
 Moody - 009 (X)
 Bueget - 534 (Z) Kelly - 413 (V)
 Hunter - 530 (I)
 351 - mapping
 Limerick - 389 (F) Limerick - 767 (E)

COMPOSITE GROUP

SPARLS

(351) - mapping
 Dille - 186 (D)
 Schamp - 936 (M) Scott - 256 (S)

(F) - B-17F
 (G) - B-17G
 R/E @ Returned Early

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THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE AUTOMATIC CAMERAS WHICH WILL GO OFF
WITH BOMBS AWAY.

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STAND BY FOR INTELLIGENCE ANNEX

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SECRET 3 B.D. P-240-D.

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 212

Z - 766:

PRU OF 13 APRIL SHOWED 75 A/C AND PRU OF 23 APRIL SHOWED
46 A/C DISPERSED OVER TARGET AIRFIELD AROUND HANGARS ON THE WEST
SIDE OF THE FIELD.

SUGGESTED SECONDARY: ZB 920.

SUGGESTED LAST RESORT: ZB 48.

FLAK:

----- AT TARGET THERE ARE TWO HEAVY FLAK BATTERIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HOWEVER THEY SHOULD NOT BE READY TO GO INTO ACTION. THEY ARE LOCATED ABOUT THREE MILES WEST OF THE TARGET. ON ROUTE IN THE FLAK AT OISEMONT AND NEUFCHATEL SHOULD DEFINITELY BE AVOIDED AS THEY HAVE DELIVERED ACCURATE FLAK IN THE PAST. OTHER PLACES ALONG ROUTE WILL FIRE AT EXTREME RANGES. AT IP CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED SO AS NOT TO GET INTO THE DEFENSES OF METZ. ON ROUTE OUT, EVASIVE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN PASSING THE DEFENSES OF CHARLEROI AND LA LOU VIÈRE. DEFENSES OF CHIEVESS ARE OUT OF RANGE BUT WILL PROBABLY FIRE. DUNKIRK AND OSTEND ARE WELL KNOWN AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

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A. SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A, 5B, 6C, 7D, 8E, 9F, 11G, 13H, 16I

B. MF D/F SECTION "N"

C. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN UTAH

D. AUTHENTICATORS:

W/T:- BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR "W/T"

VHF:- "ALABAMA"

VHF RECALL CODE PHRASE: "ARABIAN NIGHTS"

(NOTE:- RECALL PHRASE IS ONLY TO BE USED AS AN ORDER BY LEADERS OR GROUND STATION AS AN ORDER AND WILL NOT BE USED BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT.)

E. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":

USAAF FIGHTERS: AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:

13 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE THREE ONE

4 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE THREE TWO

USAAF FIGHTERS: BALANCE THREE

USAAF GROUND SKEET SECTOR: COLGATE

G. RCM:

(1) CARPET: NORMAL

(2) WINDOW:

ALL AIRCRAFT OF THE 13 COMBAT WING AND THE LEADING GROUP OF THE 4 COMBAT WING WILL CARRY 408 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED AS FOLLOWS AT THE STANDARD RATE OF ONE LOT OF FOUR UNITS EACH TEN SECONDS:

(A) IN EVENT PRIMARY TARGET IS ATTACKED THE DISCHARGE WILL START AT THE IP AND CONTINUE NINE MINUTES.

(B) IN EVENT LAST RESORT IS ATTACKED THE DISCHARGE WILL START AT A POINT SIX MINUTES FROM THE TARGET AND CONTINUE FOR SEVENTEEN MINUTES.

THE WING LEADERS WILL GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR STARTING "RAINY DAY" AND FOR STOPPING "DRY-UP."

H. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

EACH GROUP WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE MAN DESIGNATED TO MONITOR CHANNEL "B" THE DIVISION CHANNEL AT ALL TIMES IN ORDER THAT INTRUDER WARNINGS MAY BE RELAYED UNTIL THE ENTIRE GROUP LANDS AT BASE.

IN EVENT INTRUDERS FOLLOW FORMATION DIVISION WILL BE NOTIFIED OVER CHANNEL "B" AND W/T.

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SECRET 3 B.D. P-237-E.

ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER 212.

2. A. TARGETS.

PRIMARY: Z-766 MPI'S TO FOLLOW.

SECONDARY: AND LAST RESORT: TO FOLLOW.

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

4 COM WG 3 GROUPS 21 A/C PER GP.
13 COM WG 3 GROUPS 21 A/C PER GP.
45 COM WG RELEASED FOR TRAINING.

3. X. (1) ZERO HOUR: TO FOLLOW (TIME OVER TARGET WILL BE
APPROXIMATELY 1900 HRS.)

(2) BOMB LOAD:

13 COM WG: TWO GPS. 12 X 500 LBS G.P. 1/10 NOSE, 1/100
TAIL.

LOW GP. MAX LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

4 COM WG: ONE GP. 12 X 500 LBS G.P. 1/10 NOSE, 1/100
TAIL.

TWO GPS. MAX LOAD FRAGMENTATION BOMBS.

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C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE.

1. SPLASHER NO 7 (18,000) (CP "A")	ZERO MINUS 7
SPLASHER NO 8	ZERO PLUS 8
DUNGENESS (18,000)	ZERO PLUS 15

2. APPROACH SPLASHER NO 7

13 WG FROM NORTHEAST
4 WG FROM NORTHWEST

D. ROUTES.

DUNGENESS (18,000) CP "1")	ZERO PLUS 15
5000-0116	ZERO PLUS 31
4852-0336 (CP "2")	ZERO PLUS 66
4902-0548 (I.P.)	ZERO PLUS 99
TARGET	ZERO PLUS 110
4928-0615 (R.P.)	ZERO PLUS 113
5014-0440 (CP "3")	ZERO PLUS 142
5040-0410	ZERO PLUS 156
5107-0240 (START DESCENT TO MINIMUM ALT)	ZERO PLUS 179
ORFORDNESS BASE	ZERO PLUS 208

E. BOMBING ALTITUDES

LEAD GPS: 18,000 FEET

3. A. THE 13 WING WILL LEAD THE THIRD DIVISION FORCES.

B. THE 4 WING WILL FOLLOW 13 WG AT A THREE MINUTE INTERVAL.

X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 1715 DBST 27 APRIL 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

13 COM WG 2 GPS. 12 X 500 LBS. G.P. 1/10 NOSE, 1/10 TAIL
LOW GP. MAX. LOAD M-47A1 IB'S.

4 COM WG 1 GP. 12 X 500 LBS. G.P. 1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
2 GPS. MAX. LOAD FRAGMENTATION BOMBS.

(3) REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE: 20,000

(4) SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT TARGET WILL BE BOMBED FROM WING FORMATION.

(5) INTERVALOMETER SETTING:

PRIMARY: G.P. AND I.B.'S - MINIMUM
FRAGS. - 150 FT.

(6) AT 5000-0116 1ST DIV AND 3RD DIV WILL ARRIVE ABOUT THE SAME TIME. 3RD DIV WILL REMAIN ON LEFT OF 1ST DIV AND GUIDE RIGHT.

(7) EXTRA GAS WILL BE CARRIED IN CASE DIVERSION IS NECESSARY.

4. NORMAL COM WGS WILL FORWARD COPIES OF RESPECTIVE FIELD ORDERS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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SECRET 3 B.D. P-238-E.

3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 212.

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

TO FOLLOW.

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.

1ST DIVISION (3 COM WGS) WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO
PLUS 10 TO ATTACK TARGETS Z-736 (2 WGS) AND Z-767 (1 WG).

ROUTES: Z-736

Z-767

BEACHY HEAD
5000-0116
4852-0336
4837-0418
4820-0605
TARGET
4853-0552
5014-0440
5040-0410
5107-0240
ORFORDNESS

SAME AS Z-736 TO
4837-0418
4823-0547
TARGET
SAME AS Z-736 FROM
5014-0440

2ND DIVISION (3 COM WGS) WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO
HOUR TO ATTACK TARGETS Z-807 (2 WGS) AND Z-809 (1 WG).

ROUTES: Z-809

Z-807

BEACHY HEAD
5000-0116
4840-0400
4837-0418
TARGET
4906-0440
4924-0428
5040-0410
5107-0240
ORFORDNESS

SAME AS Z-809 TO
4852-0336
4807-0550
4815-0618
TARGET
4853-0642
4920-0628
5014-0440
SAME AS Z-809 FROM
5040-0410

2. A. TARGETS.

PRIMARY:

A Z-1;66 MPI'S 043066/1 13 WG LEAD AND HIGH GPS.
042070/1 LOW GP. (IR'S)
044072/1 4 WG LEAD GPM
IN FRONT OF HANGAR HIGH AND LOW GPS.
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
HIGH AND LOW GPS.
IN FRONT OF HANGAR OR WHEREVER AIRCRAFT ARE
SEEN.

SECONDARY: ZB-920

LAST RESORT: ZB 48 OR ANY AIRDRONE NOT NEAR A BUILT-UP AREA.

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

4 COM WG 3 GROUPS 21 A/C PER GP.
13 COM WG 3 GROUPS 21 A/C PER GP.
45 COM WG RELEASED FOR TRAINING.

FROM OIHRM 27/1335B

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SECRET 13 CBW P-63-E

13 CBW F.O. 212.

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2. A THIS WG ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3 B.D. F.O. 212.

B. TARGETS.

TARGET A - PRIMARY - Z-766

TARGET B - SECONDARY ZB-920

TARGET C - ZB-48

C. ASSEMBLY:-

BUNCHER 19 ZERO MINUS 19

100 GR FROM E AT 18,000 FT.

390 GR FROM SE AT 17,000 FT.

95 GR FROM NE AT 19,000 FT.

BUNCHER 12 ZERO MINUS 14

SPLASHER 7 ZERO MINUS 7

3. A.	100 GR LEADS 21 A/C	12 X 500 G.P. 1/10 X 1/100
	390 GR LOW 21 A/C	MAX'M LOAD M-47-A1S
	95 GR HIGH 21 A/C	12 X 500 G.P. 1/10 X 1/100

X. 1 FUEL LOAD 1900 GALS

2. RETURN WILL BE AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ALERT AIRDROMES
GROUND DEFENCES AND TO STACK SHIPS AT ALTITUDES
OVER PUNDITS AND BUECHERS WITH LIGHTS OUT IN CASE
OF INTRUDERS.

3. TRAIN INTERVAL MINIMUM

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4.

5.A. (1) PYROTECHNICS (2) LEADERS (3) R/T CALLSIGNALS

100 GR - GG LT. COL BENNETT FIREBALL ABLE

390 GR - R MAJ. JONES FIREBALL GREEN

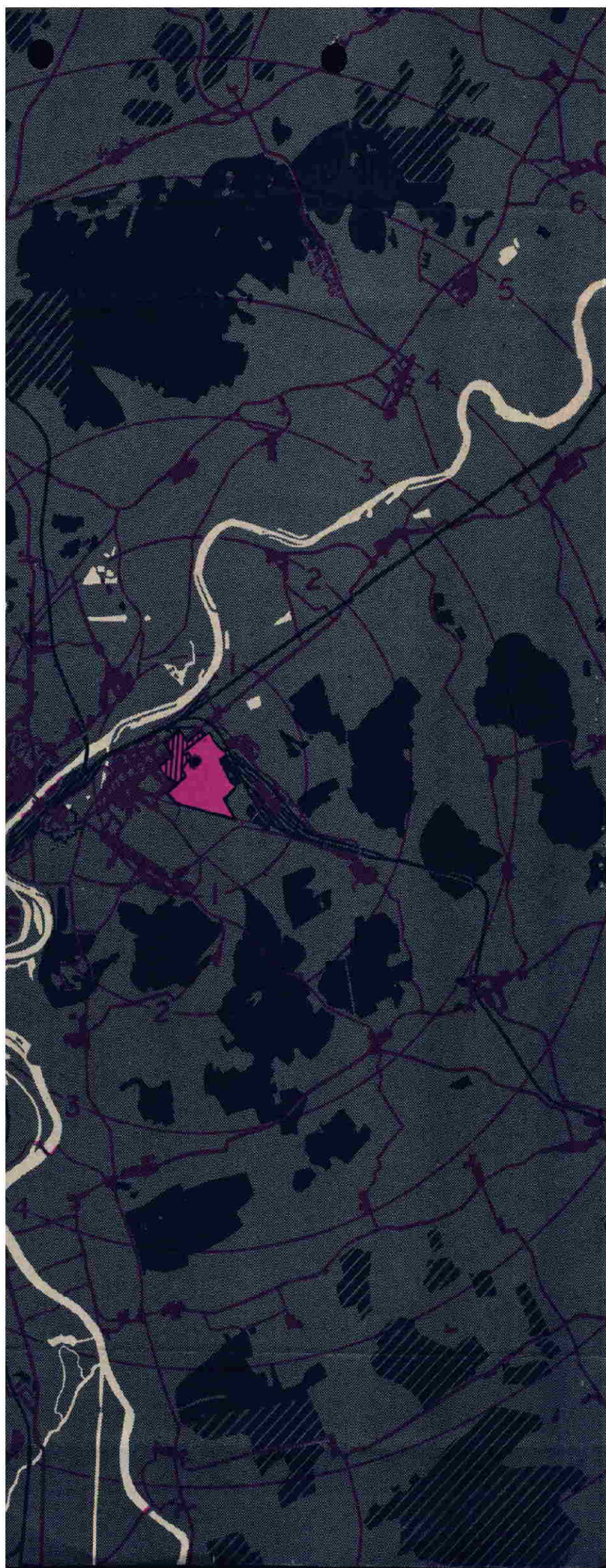
95 - R G. CAP BOCKMAN FIREBALL RED

F. B. ALL A/C WILL TURN ON I.F.F.

50 MILES PRIOR TO ENGLISH COAST

ON ROUTE BACK.

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GUNNERS' BRIEFING

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1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)

(4920 - 0600)
THIONVILLE *off. situated 1 1/2 E of THIONVILLE AND 17 MILES N. of METZ. Also S. side of Route Natl. 53. THE RIVER MOSELLE TRIER/THIONVILLE RR. Between River and off. RR MARSHALLING YARDS to E ALSO Good*
It is a RAF fly training school.
S.T. *1000 YDS. NW/SE x 1000 YDS NE/SW. Very irregular Runways. Saw one of two familiar routes. - Leipzig Duff*
Detend on Duff

I.R.2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

- a. Taxi _____
- b. Take off _____
- c. Rendezvous with other Groups _____
- d. Reach Bombing altitude _____
- e. Temperature at Bombing CLEAR altitude 10000 FT.
- f. Leave British coast _____
- g. Arrive Enemy Coast _____
- h. ETA at IP for PT _____
- i. Axis of attack _____
- j. PT (s) _____
- k. Rally point _____

- l. Leave Enemy coast _____
- m. Time of descent _____
- n. Place of descent _____
- o. Arrive English coast _____
- p. ETR _____

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
 If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

No Known Flak over target

- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- c. E/A: Types... within _____ miles radius of the Target:
 Number - S/E _____ ; T/E _____ ; F/B _____ ; RTU _____.
- d. Other defenses:
 - a. Smoke Screen
 - b. Decoys

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c. Positions of squadrons in our group. Lead _____; High _____;

Low _____;

d. Bombing alt. of our Group Approx 20,000; other Groups _____

e. Bomb load 12 X 500

f. Other efforts:

Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Area against firing against our own escort)

a. Type of F/E _____; Strength _____

b. Time and place of rendezvous _____

c. Extent of escort:

6. EPIADIASCOPE

7. CLOSING REMARKS

a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE

b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and Enemy Naval forces.

c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF E/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG

d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

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4. OTHER DEFENSES:

A. SMOKE SCREENS:

1st Div - (3 wings) -
2nd DIV - (3 wings) -

B. DECOYS:

3rd DIV - (2 wings) -
13th CW leads 3rd Div -
4th CW follows -

100th leads - 12 X 500 GP

5. EPIADIASCOPE

(M-47) 390 low } alt. lead fls. 18,000 ft
(12X500) 95-high }

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

4th 1st leads 12X500 + other 2
max load of fragmentation bombs

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

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Neufchâtel - 49°45'N - 01°27'E

Poix A/D - 49°48'N - 02°00'E

Beaumont A/D - 49°26'N - 02°06'E

Créteil A/D - 49°15'N - 02°32'E

Épernay A/D - 49°04'N - 03°57'E

Châlons A/D - 48°57'N - 04°21'E

Verdun A/D - 49°10'N - 05°23'E

Metz - 49°05'N - 06°10'E

50°22'N - 04°51'E

Charente - 50°28'N - 04°27'E

Chevres A/D - 50°35'N - 03°52'E

Courmayeur - 50°49'N - 03°18'E

Therout - 51°04'N - 03°07'E

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DUNKIRK

Target B - Fleury/Bourges A/D - 50°14' - 04°39'

C - 3rd CW leads 12X500 GP + other 2
max load of fragmentation bombs

E - A/D of CHEVRES - 50°35' - 03°50'

D - AC repair factory at Courmayeur - 50°27' - 04°26'

3rd N of Charente - 50°22' - 04°51'E

4th 1st leads 12X500 + other 2
max load of fragmentation bombs

LE CULOT A/D - 9th 55E of Bourges
50°45' - 04°46' N of road in large main highway -

TARGET "D" - Defended by 16 H. guns - 1st N. part of Bourges -
ACSO BATTERY AT - 50°42'N - 04°55'E

THIONVILLE A/D - Located 1 1/2 miles E. of THIONVILLE
 17 miles N. of METZ on S. side of large Hwy. The Moselle
 river flows N/S through the town & there is a RR between the
 river & A/D that should be a good landmark. The RR
 work stops & marshalling yard, one to E. of A/D. Area is about
 1000 YDS N/S X 750 YDS E/W but very irregular - 22 Feb 11 1944 used
 as a flying training school - Facilities - 1 Triple Bay & 7 Double Bay
 hangars on W. boundary with workshops adjacent to hangars - Bombs also off
 B. SECONDARY TARGET: West boundary -

C. LAST RESORT:

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

C. GUNS AT P.T.: GUNS AT S.T.: GUNS AT L.R.:
 # HEAVY _____ # HEAVY _____ # HEAVY _____

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E _____ T/E _____ F/B _____ RTU _____

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)